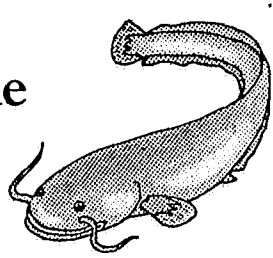


Bethel special
Town Meeting
Monday, December 3
at 7 p.m. at CPS

They
prowl the
lagoon

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'The bigger the
SUV, the bigger
the flag.'

DAVID NEMTOW
Alliance to Save Energy

Pond, housing
project sent
back to planners

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Savages apply for pit and rock-crusher approval

Moratorium
vote is
Monday

By MICHAEL DANIELS

With Bethel voters about to decide if the town needs a "time out" so, it can figure out how to deal with rock-crushing operations, Ron and Rick Savage — the owners of a crusher off the East Bethel Road — have filed for site plan approval under the current regulations.

Bethel will vote at a special Town Meeting Monday whether to impose a 180-day moratorium on the regulatory review of industrial operations such as rock crushing.

The moratorium would not affect the continued operation of current sites — rather, it is intended to give the town time to draft and adopt suitable regulations for dealing with them.

But last week the Savages submitted an application seeking approval under the current Site Plan

Ordinance, which mentions rock crushing but provides Planning Board members with little specific direction for dealing with them.

The Planning Board was scheduled to take up the application at a regular meeting last night (Wednesday).

Town Manager Scott Cole said he did not believe that the Savages' application — even though it was filed last week — would necessarily exempt their operation from the moratorium (assuming voters approve it Monday) or from any future regulations the town might impose following the moratorium.

According to the wording of the moratorium (which was drafted by the town's attorney) in order for their operation to be exempted, the application to the Planning Board must have been a "pending proceeding" before Nov. 1.

Pits overlooked

In theory, rock-crushing operations have been covered by the Site Plan Ordinance since it was enacted in 1987.

See CRUSHER, page 4

Towns ask DEP not to close poultry farm septage field

By ALISON ALOISIO

The cost to dispose of septage in this area could increase, with the planned closing of a disposal site at the Harrington property in Bethel.

Septage is the waste content found in a septic tank. Much of this area's waste, as well as grease from restaurants, is currently spread on Frank Harrington's land (Roberts Poultry Farm) on Route 2.

However, in early 2000 two letters directing that the site be closed were issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, according to James Pollock of DEP.

In a recent letter to Newry selectmen, Pollock said that the volume of septage applied to the site had exceeded the licensed capacity

for several years. But, said selectmen, there has been no environmental damage noted as a result of the practice.

The site is currently slated for closure in April of 2002, according to Pollock.

Pollock's recent letter was in response to a petition circulated in Newry and Hanover asking the site be allowed to continue operation. Greenwood and Woodstock selectmen also sent letters of support.

According to town officials, the petitions and letters were prompted by a request from Doug Bennett, who is a septage hauler in this area. Neither Bennett nor Harrington

See SEPTAGE, page 4

Those pesky 'S' words

In order to clarify the murkiness regarding some common wastewater-treatment terminology, The Citizen offers the following brief glossary.

Septage — waste content found in a septic tank.
Sevage — waste material (primarily liquid) drained away from houses and towns for disposal.
Severage — a system of sewers and drainage.
Sludge — thick, greasy mud, including that deposited at the bottom of a treatment plant pool.

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Custom quality, customer tailored



Sam Timberlake sits at the prototype drop-leaf table in his showroom — the upstairs of his barn on Church Street, in Bethel village. He began his business, in 1974, manufacturing Shaker chairs. In the years since, he and his son, Ross, have been

successful by building quality furniture with an eye toward customer service. Coming soon, a new showroom, The Mayville House, on Route 2 in Bethel.

(Photo by Rebecca Zicarelli)

Local furniture maker knows one size will never fit all customers

By REBECCA ZICARELLI

S. Timberlake and Co. is one of Bethel's hidden success stories. Since 1974, Sam Timberlake has manufactured high-quality furniture in his small plant on Church Street.

It began with Shaker chairs, high-backed chairs with clean lines and woven web seats. Now Timberlake builds a variety of furniture, including tables, bureaus, bookcases, beds.

Each piece is built to order. Each piece is built to last.

These days customers find Timberlake on the Internet, or at his small showroom, the unheated, unfinished second floor of his barn. But there will soon be a new showroom for Sam's work.

Sam's son, Ross, works for the family business as chair maker. He has recently returned to Bethel, opened his own wood shop, and plans to open a furniture showroom, The Mayville House on Route 2, by mid-December.

Customer Satisfaction

In an age of imports, mass production, and failing wood-products

'When it leaves
here, I don't
want to see
it again.'

SAM TIMBERLAKE

businesses, there are two keys to the Timberlakes' success: quality products and customer service.

"What we intend to do is satisfy the customer," Sam said. "We have to know what he wants, and how he wants it."

When a customer said he couldn't pull a chair in between the legs at the end of an old drop-leaf table, Sam designed a wider table to accommodate the chair.

Another customer inspired Sam to design a cutout in the apron at the end of a table, allowing people with thick thighs to pull a chair up under it.

Chairs are available with seats an inch deeper to accommodate the needs and comfort of taller people.

This made-to-order philosophy demands a good understanding of a

customer's lifestyle and home. It is a philosophy that both Sam and Ross pay special attention to.

"My favorite furniture makers are people who are cognizant of how people are going to use the furniture that they build," Ross said. He asks his customers a lot of questions. What kind of baseboards do they have? How do they heat their homes? What size are the rooms?

"Who wants to be at the mercy of how their furniture dictates they need to live? If they're the kind of people that want to put their feet on the coffee table, then maybe they don't need a coffee table, maybe they need a foot stool."

Quality begins with the wood and extends to the shipping

Both Sam and Ross emphasized that quality furniture begins with quality wood.

They buy lumber from a variety of people in the area, including C. B. Cummings, Bethel Furniture Stock, and Kingfield Wood Products.

Sam prefers to work with rock maple and cherry. Currently, he is working on a cherry table, with a drop leaf at each end and two extension leaves in the middle. The cherry he selected is beautiful, carefully matched, without warps, and free of knots and blemishes.

See TIMBERLAKE, page 2

Les Otten ready for his next at bat

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bristling with energy, brimming with ideas, cell phone at his ear, Les Otten doesn't look any worse for wear these days after his ouster from the huge ski company he built and lost.

Otten still keeps an office in Bethel but his base of operations has shifted to Boston because he's angling with partners to buy the Boston Red Sox. But everything else in Otten's universe is much the same as it was before: He's still focusing on the future and ignoring past failures. And despite the painful events of the past few years, he hasn't lost a bit of his enthusiasm for Maine, for New England, and for the world.

"In order to accomplish great things, you may have to try numerous times," Otten said earlier this month as he sat in a Boston restaurant.

It's been a wild few years for Otten, 52, a self-made ski tycoon who started out in 1972 working at the then-small Sunday River resort in Newry, and then soared to prominence when his company purchased Attitash in New Hampshire and then Sugarbush.

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GREENS SALE
WEST BETHEL UNION CHURCH
Sat., Dec. 1st • 9am - Noon

Bench dedication for
John Roderick

Please come join friends for a remembrance of John Roderick and the dedication of a bench on the trails of the Sunday River Cross Country Center at 12:30pm. Sunday, December 2nd. Pollack noon to 4:00, bring bathing suits to use the hot tub and sauna.



Christmas Fair & Tea
Saturday, Dec. 1 from 1-4pm
W. Parish Congregational Church
Christmas Crafts - Greens
Baked Goods - Attic Treasures
Cookie Walk - SERV items

RABIES CLINIC

There will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, December 1, 2001 at the Bethel Fire Station from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. The fee for the rabies shot is \$9.00.

A staff member from the Bethel Town Office will be available to license dogs for Bethel, Albany & Mason Residents. Licensing fees are \$7.50 per dog or \$4.00 per spayed or neutered dog.

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Letters

WHAT'S THE REAL SPEED LIMIT?

To the Editor:

I moved to Bethel two years ago after my husband and I searched for the "perfect place" to live and work. I think we came pretty close to finding it here in the Bethel and Bryant Pond area. There is much I enjoy about living here — the natural environment, the warm and friendly people we've met, the sense of community and more. There is just one minor thing that has been bugging me. What is the "real" speed limit on Route 26 in front of Telstar High School?

Shortly after moving here, I was stopped on Route 26 for speeding. I admit, although I rarely exceed the speed limit, I was speeding. In my excitement to move into our new home in Bryant Pond, I was not aware of how fast I was going. Fortunately (and surprisingly) I was given a warning. Since that act of grace, I am extra careful to observe the posted speed limit when I travel back and forth from Bryant Pond to Bethel.

My question is this: what is the real speed limit in front of Telstar High School? The posted speed limit says 15 mph. I try, I really do try, to slow down to 15 mph when I pass the high school. But I notice other drivers barely slow down at all. I often pull over to the side or turn into the high school driveway just to avoid being rear-ended.

Now I know the skiers from Boston do not slow down to 55 mph on their way to Sunday River, not even in front of Telstar High School on a Friday afternoon when the school buses are departing. But the usually courteous, cautious drivers in our community seem to ignore the school zone speed limit of 15 mph. Once, a student, I presume, actually passed me on the left, crossing the double yellow line, only to slow down in front of me and make a right turn into the second entrance of the high school. I'm wondering what the driver-education teachers tell the student drivers about the accepted speed limit in front of their school. Are they always supposed to slow down, or only do so when school is in session? The sign doesn't give times or days. How is the general public supposed to know if it's a school day? I'm sure the town doesn't want to invest in something as obtrusive as a flashing yellow light that flashes only during school arrival and departure.

Since I just can't afford a traffic fine, I will try to obey the posted speed limit. But if someone finds himself or herself behind my car going 20 or 15 mph in front of Telstar, please don't try to pass me on the left, or rear-end me. I promise, I'll pull over to the shoulder or school parking lot and let them pass.

Patricia Blakeslee
Bryant Pond

NON-COMPETITIVE SKI PROGRAM

To the Editor:

I am interested in starting a non-competitive ski club for local high school students with these three goals: to act as a training opportunity for those who would like to eventually join the THS Ski Team; to provide an opportunity for students who work and are unable to satisfy the full-time practice requirements of the team but would like to ski regularly at least two afternoons a week; and for those who would like to learn to ski but haven't had the opportunity to get equipment and lessons.

I have a number of donated pairs of skis and some boots, of various sizes, that I would like to make available to these Telstar students. Depending on the response to this offer, I will arrange for free Level 1, 2, and 3 lessons for those who are just learning.

I can be reached at the Mahoosuc Mountains School (824-6620) or those interested can sign up in the Telstar Regional High School office. Those who are interested in checking out free boots or skis can come to our open house this Sunday, Dec. 2, between 1 and 3 p.m. at Mahoosuc Mountains School (second floor, Casablanca Building).

The MMS students have benefited greatly from our community service project — building a storage shed for the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. Special thanks go to Vince Meisner, who helped us verify our math-class-generated blueprints by working up the plans on his CAD program, and to Western Maine Supply Company for their generous donations of materials. I also want to thank Brooks Bros. Hardware and Hancock Lumber for their donations, and our other parent volunteers, Doug Zinehuk, Joel Hodson, Kara Siekman, Eileen Meisner and Todd Siekman for their guidance and assistance with building.

Marie Hickey
Bethel

GREAT SNOWBOX DERBY

To the Editor:

The Great Snowbox Derby will be a feature event of Bethel's Winter-fest celebration again this year. The project was begun last year as an opportunity to foster creativity and engineering experience in the elementary schools, to bring adults into the classrooms as mentors and to allow families to engage in old-fashioned winter fun. All SAD44 third-, fourth- and fifth-grade classes are encouraged to participate, by designing and building a sled completely from recycled materials and racing the creation down a prepared course of straightaways, turns and surprises. This year's event will take place on Saturday, Feb. 2.

Adult mentors are currently being sought, and anyone interested is encouraged to contact me (824-2410/swap@dayriverinn.com) or Eric Boyle-Wright (824-2453/eboyle-wright@sundayriverinn.com) to volunteer. This is the highlight of the winter season. Mark the date and plan to participate.

Steve Wight
Newry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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EAST BETHEL EXTRACTION AND CRUSHING

To the Editor:

The following is a reiteration of what several abutters, other concerned community citizens of Bethel, and residents of Intervale Road in East Bethel, have expressed since the beginning of September, upon inception of the Savage excavation and rock-crushing operation adjoining Intervale Road. We have written of our concerns as well as spoken with and listened to town administration officials, planning board members, and selectmen in a range of venues including several public hearings, board meetings, subcommittee meetings and individual conversations. The Savages have belatedly applied for a site plan review and we are hereby responding to a call for comments.

1) Is the Savage operation a "gravel pit" as named in the abutter notification? There is no mention of the significant fact that a large part of the Savage operation is rock crushing. This distinction is important as per the Site Plan Review Ordinance, where rock crushing is explicitly defined as heavy industry.

2) The Savage operation is a gravel pit in part but it differs from the many small domestic ("ma and pa") gravel pits in that the Savage operation is intended to be a large and significant commercial business. Ron Savage has over 370 acres in this package of land that we are discussing and he openly states that the business will grow considerably from its present parameters. While we do not intend that regulations be imposed on the traditional small pits in our community, we do contend that an operation of this magnitude, be it gravel pit or any other kind of excavation activity or the heavy industry of rock crushing, will significantly, adversely, and irretrievably affect the natural environment and the quality of life for many residents on Intervale Road, and potentially along East Bethel Road as well, in an area that has been a residential and farming community from the 1770s, historically the beginning of Bethel.

3) This operation began without any kind of review, permit or license. The Site Plan Review Ordinance for the town of Bethel does not exclude any activity other than forestry and farming. When this property was sold and intense logging began, concerned residents met with the town manager, and at that time he emphatically stated that although a review was not in order because of the forestry exemption, that any change in land use beyond the logging would absolutely undergo a site plan review and that abutters would be notified prior to any such event and our responsibility would be to check the paper each week to see if a public hearing would be scheduled. Our first clue of the Savage operation was the inception of their work in early September of 2001.

4) Specific detrimental conditions imposed upon the abutters and surrounding residents include but may not be limited to the following:

—Intolerable and frequently incessant noise levels beyond any sound level consistently generated by residential or farming activity;

—Potential damage to the aquifer upon which the Savage operation rests that would permanently destroy an important natural resource as sited in the Bethel Comprehensive Plan;

—Potential damage to abutters' water supply, wells and subsequent health of residents, as the water source for the wells at risk is the aquifer;

—Potential contamination or other damage to abutters' property, including land and wells (and thus subsequent health), due to erosion from unmanaged hillside activity and possibly from operation (such as waste management of common and hazardous materials) and truck activity;

—Dangerous, disturbing, and potentially damaging truck traffic, with heavy industrial trucks at the rate of large-scale commercial frequency running up and down our narrow country road, that is widely used by residents and others for children's play, general walking/running and dog walking, cycling, and athletic cross-training such as toning for skiing;

—Potential hygiene and health concerns due to air pollution from the dust and dirt generated by the ongoing operation and heavy truck traffic;

—Significant decline in property values throughout the residential and farming community of East Bethel, most pointedly along Intervale Road, and immeasurable for those properties abutting the operation;

—The irreconcilable overall destruction of the intervals and therefore Bethel's unique beauty, history and heritage, and harmonious community.

We are seriously concerned as to the lack of due process that has occurred and strongly feel that the appropriateness of the Savage site location and operation is highly questionable.

Beth Myers, Timothy McGuire,
Susan Isham, Lincoln and Suzanne Fiske
Bethel

(Editor's note: a similar version of this letter, but with a number more signatures, has been filed with the Bethel Planning Board. —MRD)

Appeals Board remands affordable housing and pond issues to planners

By ALISON ALOISIO

"Sometimes," said Bethel Appeals Board chair Harry Faulkner, "you just have to pass the buck."

Rather than risk making a ruling "we can't justify," Faulkner said, the board last week voted to remand two appeals back to the Planning Board. The planners were scheduled to consider the issues again last night (Wednesday).

The Appeals Board made its move on the advice of Geoff Hole, the town attorney. They had been scheduled to hear Bob and Cynthia Laux's appeal on the approval of a town swimming pond on the North Road, and a second appeal from townspeople on an approval for an affordable housing project at Bethel Station. The project was proposed by Community Concepts.

The board went into executive session with Hole immediately after the meeting began. About 65 people had turned out to hear the deliberation.

On returning, Hole told those gathered he was advising the board to send both issues back to the Planning Board for further clarification. Planners, he said, need to make it clear "what they did, and why," before the Appeals Board can decide if they had wrongly applied town ordinances in making the two approvals.

The Lauxes are appealing the swimming pond on the argument that it will have a visual impact on

their nearby property, and on water levels in their own pond.

The Bethel Station appeal was spearheaded by Pat Doonen and selectman Al Barth. They submitted a letter signed by 55 townspeople objecting to the planned construction of 12 units adjacent to Western Maine Supply.

Among objections raised was the concern that the town does not really need affordable housing, and that Bethel could ultimately be responsible for completing the Mechanic Street Extension, located next to the site.

Clearer paperwork needed

Hole said the planners' finding of fact forms — which spell out whether specific criteria have been met by each project — need to be filled out more completely. For each requirement, he said, planners should expressly state why the project meets the criteria.

Planner Dennis Doyon, who also attended the meeting, said the board had been in the habit of only putting in writing the reasoning for criteria that had not been met. That, said Hole, needs to change.

Community Concepts representatives objected to further delays, noting the project has dragged on since March.

"The costs keep ticking," said Dennis Lajoie, the director of housing and real estate development for the agency. He said his project had met all 64 criteria placed on it, and

the Appeals Board should at least hear the issue.

Attorney David Dow, representing Community Concepts, also argued that the appellants did not have the legal standing to make the appeal. He said that under town ordinance, appellants had to be abutters or "aggrieved parties." He said there were no abutters, and an aggrieved party had to demonstrate a particular injury, rather than a collective complaint of a group.

Faulkner quickly pointed out that three of the citizens appealing — Robert and Frank Lowell of Western Maine Supply and Debbie Martin of Connecting Rentals — are abutters.

And Hole said it would ultimately be up to a court to decide the question of an aggrieved party, not a local board.

The Appeals Board voted unanimously to send the two appeals back to planners, asking them to give particular attention to the appellants' grievances in reviewing the findings of fact.

Asked whether planners could then alter any of the conditions of approval without starting the whole process over, Hole said that would be the board's judgment.

He said if a minor issue "strikes them differently," they could simply make a change. But if a major issue were reopened, the board should probably then reopen consideration to both sides.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

10 years ago: The Bethel Historical Society received a check for \$20,000 from the estate of Marion F. Hall to establish a Ralph S. and Marion F. Hall Special Projects Fund.

One hundred twenty donors participated in a Bethel Community Blood Drive held at Gould Academy.

Arthur "Mike" Murphy of Bethel was the recipient of the teacher-of-the-year award at the Maine Adult Education Conference.

A handful of local business people and officials met with the Maine Tourism Coalition. It was concluded that more summer tourists were needed, but "only the right kind of tourists." The meeting was part of the coalition's information-gathering effort around the state.

Tom Tax of College Park, Md., walked out of the Upton woods after spending a balmy night under the stars. It was reported that the hunter became lost the previous day and was unable to find his way back to a friend's camp in Upton.

20 years ago: Telstar students were preparing for a production of "Harvey." Cast members included freshmen Jacob Schachter of Andover and Linda Lowe of Woodstock.

An organizational meeting, was scheduled for the Bethel Christmas Pageant.

The second annual Gould Christmas Racing Camp was scheduled for the third week in December. It was to be open for all serious junior ski racers.

An open house was held at the Outward Bound Mountain Center.

Marine Cpl. James J. Sweetser had reported for duty with the 3rd Maintenance Battalion on Okinawa. Deaths: Elise M. Littlehale, Flora A. Cole, Milan Gammon Sr.

30 years ago: The former Harold Bartlett residence on the middle Intervale Road was destroyed by fire.

Sgt. John G. Coolidge was stationed in Germany.

Sarah Stevens was chosen as coordinator for the 8th annual Living Nativity Pageant.

George B. Hopkins Jr. of Bryant Pond was promoted to Army Specialist Four.

Deaths: Stephen J. Cummings, George A. Holt.

40 years ago: Claus and Joan Wiese, new owners of the Norseman Inn, were tendered a surprise housewarming by local friends.

Nine persons including Kemard and Mark Bennett and Ruth and Rita Rugg were injured in a three-car crash near Songo Pond.

Charles Bean was injured in a car/tree crash near Robertson Hill.

It was reported that there were 22 inches of snow on the ground in Upton on Nov. 21.

Births: Angela Hope Gilman, Lea Ann MacDougall.

Death: Kenneth Vail.

50 years ago: Bethel Lodge No. 97 F&AM acquired the former Christian Science Church on Chapman Street.

Leslie and Maude Kimball were given a 50th anniversary reception by their 10 children, spouses and grandchildren at the Songo Lake Pavilion.

Ida Lee Clough Bryant was to teach physical education at Bates College for the remainder of the school year.

Births: Rebecca Diane Brown, Jerrold Arthur Gibbs, Sally Jean Boynton.

Deaths: Jennie Rich, James W. Reynolds.

60 years ago: Rodney Eames, Edmund McDonald and Hugh Brown were thrown clear of their car and escaped serious injury when the vehicle left the road, overturned and burned in Gilead.

A new basketball floor was completed for Gould Academy's Farnsworth House.

Manville Hatstat, 17, died as a result of injuries received in an auto accident on Merryfield Hill, Woodstock.

Snowplows were out for the first time of the season.

Deaths: Myron Maxim, Manville Hatstat.

100 years ago: Several Bethel Universalists attended the centennial ceremonies for the Norway church.

An entertainment was held at the West Bethel Church preceded by an oyster stew supper.

The Gould Academy trustees met to revise the bylaws of the school.

Deaths: Joseph E. Gaudet, Perley B. Heath.

The Bethel Citizen
For complete local news coverage

Local customers can pick up pieces, saving a considerable amount of money on shipping charges.

ing off — people looking at old issues continue to contact the Timberlakes.

But now most of their business comes from the repeat customers, word-of-mouth, and the Web site, www.timberlake.com.

Last week, before he was even open for business, Ross had several people stop by. Two of them mentioned that they'd seen the Web site and all had Internet access.

The company does produce a flyer, but a full-color catalog is an expensive undertaking. "Our catalog is on the Web,"

Ross said. "Ninety-five percent of our sales are Internet sales."

A showroom success?

The Mayville House is not the first time S. Timberlake, Co. has run a showroom. In the early 1980s, they ran another showroom in Portland's Old Port. But the overhead, lack of parking, and a recession led to its closing after two and a half years.

In the years since, Ross has worked for other furniture manufacturers, both large and small, and run other showrooms. He's worked for lumber companies, for wood-working companies.

He's carefully analyzed the potential success of a showroom and chosen his Mayville location, on the route to Sunday River, with an eye toward success.

In the ongoing quest of customer satisfaction, he's learned that the furniture he and his dad make may not be the best suited to a particular customer's need. So he plans to also sell high-quality furniture from other furniture makers, as well.

"My philosophy in building furniture extends to selling furniture," Ross said. "If I can't build it, I'm going to find someone who can. I'm going to help my customer."

Briefly

Hikers warned after murder

MT. WASHINGTON, N.H.—Hikers are being urged to travel with a companion and use caution after a Canadian woman was found stabbed to death on Mt. Washington. Louise Chaput, 52, of Sherbrooke, Quebec, was apparently hiking alone when she was murdered sometime after entering the Pinkham Notch area Nov. 15, according to Kelly Ayotte, assistant attorney general. Her body was found last Thursday afternoon about a quarter mile from the nearest trail. Ayotte did not say what the motive might have been for the crime or if a weapon was found. She also would not say if police have a suspect, or if they believe Chaput was killed at random.

Bus system has riders

BETHEL—A total of 204 people rode the Mountain Explorer, the area's new transit bus, over the holiday weekend, according to Glenn Gordon of ME Operations. "Most of the riders used the bus Friday and Saturday evening," he said. "Many were curious local folks."

Plans for SAD44 projects progress

BETHEL—The SAD44 Board of Directors Monday authorized Supt. Kent Rosberg to place ads for professional services, with several possible capital projects on the horizon. Of highest priority is the proposed extension of water and sewer lines from Bethel village to the Telstar complex, said Rosberg. The estimated cost is \$890,000, and the district and town of Bethel are applying for both loans and grants for the work. If those applications are approved, said Rosberg, engineering and architectural specifications would be drawn up in preparation for accepting bids. If a bond issue referendum planned for early spring is approved by district voters, the bid would be awarded and the projects completed next summer. SAD44 would be responsible for the professional services regardless of whether the referendum is approved. Rosberg said if the district did not proceed now with securing the services, the project could not be completed in the summer. The Telstar complex ran out of water last spring when its wells went dry. Current water levels are acceptable, Rosberg said, but must be closely monitored. Other capital projects planned for referendum include a new transportation facility, a new track at Telstar, renovations at the Telstar complex and former Ethel Bisbee School, and a renovation to the Telstar auditorium. Professional services for planning those projects would wait until after the vote, said Rosberg, because they are not as urgent. The district recently received notification from the Betterment Fund of approval for a \$113,600 grant to go toward the auditorium renovation, pending a successful referendum vote on both the auditorium work and the new track. The estimated total cost of the auditorium project is \$285,000, Rosberg said. The track cost is estimated at \$400,000.

Carney plays dual role

ANDOVER—Joan Carney attended her first selectman's meeting last week as a board member. Carney, who has served as secretary to the board, was elected Nov. 6 to complete the term of Mark Thurston, and she will serve until Town Meeting in March. She will also continue to serve as secretary.

Unemployment up

NORWAY—Unemployment rose in western Maine in October in both the Norway-Paris and Rumford regions, according to Gerard Dennison of the Maine Department of Labor. The Bethel area falls in the Rumford region. Dennison said joblessness will likely continue to increase through the first quarter of next year. The Norway-Paris rate rose from 4.9 percent in September to 5.7 percent last month. In Rumford, the rate went from 7.2 to 7.5 percent. Dennison said workplace diversification and multiple projects in the area should soften the impact of the economic decline.

Umbagog purchase planned

MAGALLOWAY PLANTATION—The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking comment on its proposed purchase of 200 acres of land. The land would be added to the Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge. USFWS is specifically asking for comment from abutting landowners, the Land Use Regulatory Commission, Magalloway Plantation, Oxford County and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The property is separated from the lake by a 165-foot buffer owned by the Union Water Power Co. It is accessible from the south by a private gravel road in Upton. Norman Olson, USFWS planning chief, said the property has good views of the lake. The parcel is currently managed as an operable forest, with hunting allowed. Olson said that once the purchase was made, the refuge manager would determine if other wildlife-dependent public use would be allowed. For more information on the issue, call (877) 289-8495, ext. 8521.

Project Graduation trees on sale

BETHEL—Christmas trees will be on sale the next two weekends, beginning Dec. 1, at the Kids for Trees site near Hancock Lumber on Route 26. The sales benefit Project Graduation for the Telstar High School Class of 2002. Trees will be sold Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The seniors planted the trees as third-graders. The class is also sponsoring the first annual Chocolate Festival at the Victoria Inn on Saturday, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Chocolate desserts made by local restaurants and senior parents will be on sale.

New Year's Bethel offerings

BETHEL—New Year's Bethel IV will feature six venues, including: Inea Son (songs and music of Peru); the Gray-Caybe Family ensemble (classical music); State Street Jazz (New Orleans jazz); Henry Bascomb (Maine humorist); Worthley and Clark (Scottish music); and Rowe by Rowe (balladeers). The event is sponsored by the Bethel Historical Society.

AIDS ball scheduled

BETHEL—The AIDS Charity Ball will take place Dec. 8 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Locke Mills Legion Hall. Bill Morton will be the DJ for the event, which is sponsored by the Telstar AIDS Awareness Committee. Tickets are \$12 per person and \$20 a couple in advance, and \$15 and \$25, respectively, at the door. The ball is a formal, chemical-free event open to the community. Proceeds benefit the Peabody House in Portland. For further information, contact Susan Parker, committee advisor, at 824-2136.

Be patriotic: conserve gas

NEW YORK—Motorists are getting contradictory messages as the war on terrorism reshapes the homeland debate over energy policy. Sales of pickups and sport utility vehicles have surged lately, with carmakers offering interest-free deals. But conservation advocates are telling Americans that the best way to keep the nation secure is to use less gasoline. America's ties to the Arab world have been under scrutiny since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, prompting urgent calls for the U.S. to reduce its dependence on oil imports. "If you notice these days, the bigger the SUV, the bigger the flag," said David Nemtsov, president of the Washington-based Alliance to Save Energy. "I don't doubt the patriotism of the drivers, but couldn't they show their patriotism a little better by putting their flags on a smaller car?" The Bush administration wants to reduce foreign oil dependence by drilling in the now-protected Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. But, said Jim DiPesa, of Republicans for Environmental Protection, "We need the political leaders to stand up and say that efficiency and conservation are good for America."

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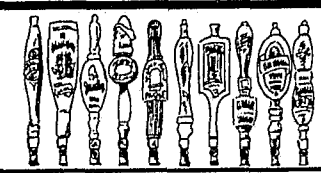


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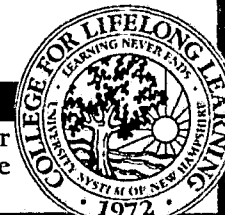
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From the Bethel Police Log:

Culprit leaves when police arrive

At 2:22 a.m. on Nov. 24 police received a report of a business alarm on Railroad Street. A key holder responded, and it was found that plastic decorative leaves had set off the alarm.

Tuesday, Nov. 20

At 11:20 a.m. police issued Shannon Moxcey, 31, a summons on Route 2 for operating after suspension.

At 8 p.m. police were advised to respond to the Intervale Road for a 911 hangup. While en route, the officer was advised that dispatch had made contact with a subject who said he had been trying to connect his computer to the Internet, and must have dialed 911.

Wednesday, Nov. 21

At 1:55 p.m. police issued Tobias Parker 26, a summons on Vernon Street for operating after suspension.

Thursday, Nov. 22

At 6:19 p.m. police stopped on Railroad Street to assist what appeared to be a stranded motorist. A license/registration check showed the subject had just purchased the vehicle and attached his own plates to it to drive it home. Benjamin J. Brown of Bethel was arrested and the vehicle impounded.

At 8:50 p.m. police received a complaint of a vehicle intentionally striking another vehicle on Mason Street. The officer was told by the complainant that a subject had threatened her with a knife, tried to run her over and then smashed her car with his truck. Later in the evening Mico Thompson of Bethel was arrested and charged with reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon, criminal mischief and criminal threatening.

Friday, Nov. 23

At 2:50 a.m. police stopped a subject on Route 26 for an inadequate plate light. It was found his license had expired in February of 2000. Michael A. Stevens, 36, of Litchfield was issued a summons for the offense.

At 10 a.m. an Intervale Road resident reported someone had taken a 4x7-foot plywood painting of a cow.

Saturday, Nov. 24

At 12:29 a.m. police were dispatched to the Intervale Road for a noise disturbance. It was found to be a verbal disturbance between two occupants of a vehicle. The driver showed signs of intoxication. She was given field sobriety tests and taken into custody for OUI, then given a breath test at the Police Department. Julie Develis, 32, of Walpole, Mass. was given a summons for OUI.

At 8:30 p.m. police stopped a subject for speeding on Route 2. He showed signs of intoxication, and was given field sobriety tests and a breath test. Michael A. Sullivan, 47, of Framingham, Mass. was taken to the Oxford County Jail for operating under the influence and speeding.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summons, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

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Catfish keep treatment costs down

By ALISON ALLOISIO

Dave Bartlett of Newry stocked his pond with hornpout last year, and the fish are doing fine. "There could be some in there a foot or better," he said.

Bartlett, however, is not worried that he's giving away fishing secrets to area anglers. His "pond" is the sewage treatment plant at Sunday River Ski Resort.

The hornpout help reduce the buildup of sludge on the bottom of the treatment lagoons, where partially-treated sewage is allowed to settle out. Because the fish are bottom feeders, they stir up the sludge as they search for insect larvae.

As the stirred-up material floats upward, it is once again available for consumption by the microscopic organisms that, in effect, treat the sewage.

Bartlett and his assistant, Chris Bailey, got the idea to use hornpout from a New Hampshire plant operator who has used fish and other animals, including frogs and snails, in treatment plants.

The 14-year-old Sunday River plant is approaching the time when some of the sludge will have to be physically removed. Looking for a way to delay that move — and operate more efficiently in the future

—Bartlett and Bailey pitched the idea to Marvin Collins, vice president of operations, and the company's environmental committee. "Let's do it," Collins said.

Sunday River got permission from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to trap some hornpout in Bunker Pond, near Roxbury.

They caught about 120 fish and deposited them in two of the three lagoons, which are about 10 feet deep. Most of the fish were three or four inches long.

The lagoons, said Collins, are a food-rich environment. And the aeration system at the plant provides the fish with plenty of oxygen. Bartlett said the fish, under ideal conditions, will grow about an inch a month. And, he said, hornpout are a tough breed.

Given the nature of the lagoons, Bartlett and company can't peer down into the water to see the fish. So how do they know how they're faring?

They haven't seen any floating belly up.

They may try to trap a few to check them, they said. But measurement of the sludge levels this fall showed they were not increasing at the same rate they had been

in previous years, so that is a good sign all around.

They plan to continue the fish program after the remaining sludge is trucked away, giving the system a fresh start.

Sunday River is also looking to a day when it can set up its own on-site system to compost sludge. The compost could then be used around the mountain, Collins said, or even be given away.

In Bethel, it's plants

While Sunday River is experimenting in the animal kingdom, the Bethel wastewater treatment facility is continuing a long tradition of using plants to slow the buildup of sludge.

In the late 1980s, Bethel planted phragmites, a reed, in tanks near the treatment plant. Partially treated water is pumped through the tanks, and the reeds soak up both water and nutrients, said Rob Gundersen, the superintendent. The water is then re-treated and pumped out to the Androscoggin River.

Also benefiting from the presence of the reeds, said Gundersen, are aphids (which eat the reeds), ladybugs (which eat the aphids), and birds (which eat the ladybugs).

Otten

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That fall, he was honored at a Rutland, Vt., dinner put on by the Rutland Herald newspaper as a "Significant Vermonter" for his contributions to the ski industry, notwithstanding the fact that he lived in Maine.

Almost anyone with an opinion about skiing or the environment in the region had an opinion about him.

"I was very aware it was fleeting," he said of his popularity. "I enjoyed, and hopefully did not abuse, the period of time when people were interested in what I had to say and what I was doing."

Not everybody shared American Skiing's vision for shops, hotels and conference centers at the mountains. Ski-town locals from Sugarbush to Steamboat Springs in Colorado sported bumper stickers saying things like "More Snow, Less Otten." Financial analysts predicted his company's fall. But that didn't get Otten down.

He worked hard to change his critics' minds, and continued charging ahead.

Some of the dire predictions did come true for the heavily leveraged company. By mid-1999, poor winter weather and the consequences of big debt had left American Skiing \$400 million in the hole. The debt stemmed from borrowing heavily for acquisitions and to build speculative real estate at the new properties. The company began to falter.

Otten doesn't deny he might have tried to do too much, too fast.

"If I meet someone that has never made a mistake, I'm totally convinced they've never pushed themselves to understand where the outside of the envelope is," he said. "I was a person who had to know where the outside was, and now I know how to step back."

Otten says that for him, the outside of the envelope was the terrible weather combined with the poor reception his ideas got at some

of the company's resorts.

By fall 2000, Texas-based Oak Hill Capital Partners had increased its stake in the company and taken control. The following spring, Otten resigned as chairman and chief executive officer, although he continues to sit on the board. These days, the stock price, offered initially at \$18 a share, is hovering around \$1.

And the new American Skiing is shedding some of the resorts, including Sugarbush and Steamboat. The sale proceeds are reducing the debt load.

Otten was battered by those developments, but these days he's looking on the bright side.

"I've been lucky enough to have a strong enough sense of survival," he says.

And while he won't say much about his personal finances, he will say he managed to leave American Skiing without any personal debt, and with enough money to join a group angling for the Boston Red Sox.

"I'm financially viable enough to participate," in the Red Sox deal, he said.

Otten spends much of his time in Boston now, as he works with a group of investors on a bid for the Red Sox. The group includes some heavy hitters, including — it was reported this week — former Maine Senator George Mitchell and the New York Times Co.

Septage

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could be reached for comment.

Pollock also said in his reply that the letters sent out in 2000 had given communities and haulers two years to investigate alternative sites.

Town officials may now help in the search for alternatives. Pollock suggested Newry selectmen investigate using the Rumford-Mexico wastewater treatment facility for disposal. They have contacted AVCOG for suggestions.

In Woodstock, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said septage could potentially go to the Lewiston-Auburn treatment plant. The town has paid a basic fee there over recent years to maintain an option in just this sort of situation, he said. The cost would likely be higher, however, Maxfield said.

Effect on Bethel

The closure could also have implications for Bethel, as septage from tanks in that town may also have to go elsewhere.

Rob Gundersen, plant superintendent for the Bethel treatment plant, said if his facility was called upon to take the material, "it could possibly lead to a need for another upgrade" to treat the higher volume of the concentrated septage material.

The relatively small Bethel plant is not currently equipped to handle septage as efficiently as larger plants in the state, said Gundersen.

Bethel currently charges its residents 10 cents per gallon to accept the material. That's a "high-average" cost for the state, Gundersen estimated.

It was raised from 2 cents a gallon about two years ago because a study determined it cost much more than that to treat it, he said.

Gundersen said it might be worthwhile for Bethel to look into its own site for spreading the material. Spreading is generally a cheaper method of disposal, he said.

Crusher

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In practice, however, such operations were rarely reviewed, in part because they were often of limited duration, and were associated with the small "ma and pa" gravel pits on which many residents depend for extra income.

The recent interest in looking more closely at the current regulations, and in perhaps tightening them, grew out of the Savages' operation.

Located on 370 acres off the Intervale Road, the gravel pit and rock-crushing operation began last summer and almost immediately drew complaints from many of its neighbors, largely because of its noise (see letter to the editor, page 2).

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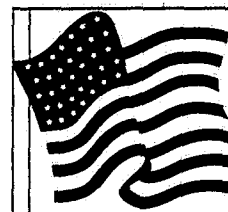
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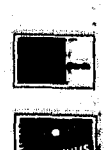
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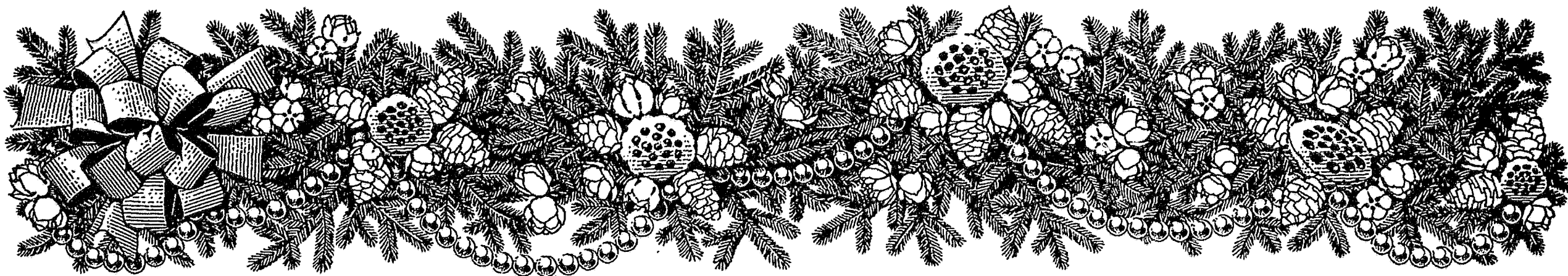
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Christmas Fair and Tea at West Parish Congregational Church. Enjoy tea by the fireplace, crafts, wreaths, food and a cookie walk. Church Street, Bethel. 1:00 - 4:00 pm. 824-2653.

Horse drawn carriage rides in Bethel village from noon-2:00pm. FREE Wagon rides from 2:00 to 4:00pm. sponsored by W. J. Wheeler & Co. Meet at the Bethel Fire Station.

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The Village Sampler, 63 Main St. Enjoy warm cocoa while browsing through a twinkling holiday wonderland. Special sales! Door prizes for "Village Sampler dollars". 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. Holiday House / Books-n-Things. Refreshments! Sales! Tour! Drawings for lodging and bookstore gift certificates. Noon - 4:00 pm. 824-3400.

The Philbrook Mall (True North Adventureware, Wild Rose, Vine and Cupboard, and the Toy Shop) will be serving refreshments. Free gift wrapping table.

Christmas Tree Lighting on the town common with caroling, music and the arrival of Santa. 6:00 pm.

Wreath Workshop 6:00pm. Make a 22" fresh fir wreath decorated with a bow, cones & berries. \$20. Pooh Corner Farm 836-FARM.

Sunday, December 2

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Gould Academy Performing Arts Series presents "Under the Song Tree" folk trio with Anni Clark, Dan Merrill & Lynn Deeves. Bingham Auditorium, Church St., Bethel. Tickets \$4 students, \$6 adults FMI 207 824-3575.

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Gifts & Holiday Tips

Family Fun Surprise Jar*

Cut Christmas wrapping paper into 3-inch squares. On the blank side of each square, have family members write ideas for fun things the family can do together during the holidays. Examples might be watching last year's video, sledding, making hot chocolate and popcorn, or driving around looking at Christmas lights. Then fold the papers with the wrapping-paper side showing and place them all in a large jar. Each day agree to draw one idea, then do the activity together. This gives your family some quality sharing time together each day throughout the holiday season. Enjoy, and Merry Christmas!

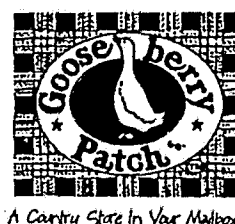
Scented Mittens*

Fill a pair of mittens with potpourri. Join the mittens with a string or yarn, then hang them from the peg near your door for a cozy seasonal look and a welcome scent.

Gift Box Advent Calendar*

Here's how to make an Advent calendar for a friend to enjoy! Purchase 24 small, square white gift boxes at a box and mail specialty store. With a big marker, number each box on one side, numbers 1 through 24 (for the days in December that lead up to Christmas) just for fun, vary the way you number them, using numeric symbols, Roman numerals, writing out the words, using foreign languages, and so on. Purchase small gifts to fit inside each box, such as a fast food gift certificate, socks, small wind-up toys, movie money, special candy... Whatever your friend would appreciate. Wrap each item in colorful tissue and slip each into its own box. Seal each box with a holiday sticker. Stack the boxes in order on their sides, with the numbers all facing forward. With a hot glue gun, glue the boxes together, and wrap wide red ribbon around the outside perimeter with a big bow on top. Give the calendar to your friend before December 1 so she can enjoy the anticipation. Each morning from December 1 to December 25, your friend will have the thrill of opening another box!

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Candy-Colored Play Dough*

2½ c. flour
½ c. salt
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Advent Chain*

Your child can make an advent chain. Help him or her glue together a paper chain, alternating with red and green construction paper. Make 25 links, and each day beginning December 1st, tear off one link. This will help your child to know how long before Christmas, so the anticipation can build! This little poem can be attached to the top of the chain:

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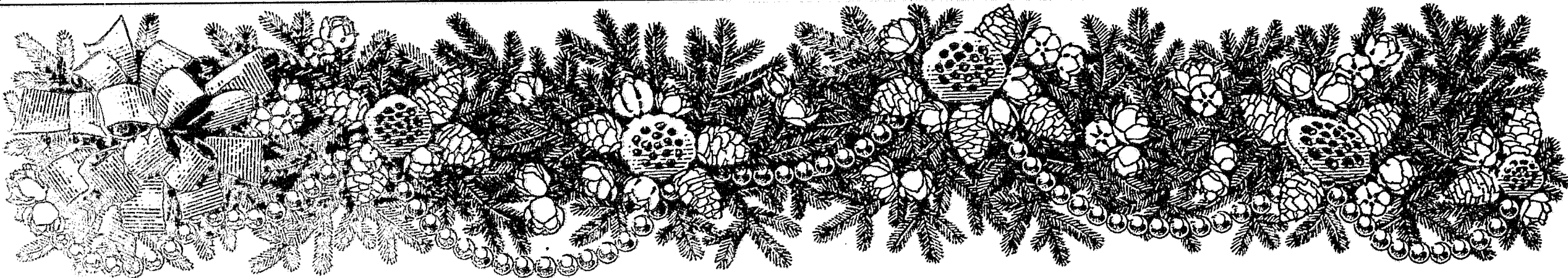
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by Virginia Keniston
Casey and Nannette Cramton have a year-old retriever named "Autumn." They

entertained for Thanksgiving, Mother Peg Gordon from Houlton, Sue Gordon, Gordon Hammond of Westfield, Patrick Gordon and friend Melanie of Portland, with dinner at the Sudbury Inn.

Bob Keniston says: "From a recent survey of 'Handicapped' parking spaces, it is obvious there is one type of handicapped individual that cannot read or interpret signs." Marie and Steven Keane were hosts to a potluck supper and games recently with friends, Casey and Nannette Cramton, Gary and Ann Stuer, Leslie and Dave Bonney. The "girls" are going on a Christmas shopping trip to Portland this week.

Weekend guests of Tom and Rebecca Zicarelli were Susan Ivey and son Scott of Boston.

Bea Brown had guests, Linda Foster of Pittsfield, Mass., and Roy Brown of Norfolk, Va., last week. They had Thanksgiving dinner at the River Restaurant that included Roy's mother-in-law, Elizabeth Farrar of Lewiston.

Cheryl Lord and Sandra Gunther recently spent several days in Nashville, Tenn., visiting Sandra's son, Eric. While there they went to Renfro Valley, Ky., to see Loretta Lynn and family in concert. In addition to touring the Grand Ole Opry and Opry Hotel and seeing other points of interest, they attended a performance starring Trace Adkins, Martina McBride and others at the Ryman Auditorium.

Eric Gunther and one of his friends left for a 10-day vacation in Hawaii where they will visit the islands of Oahu, Kauai and Maui.

Aloisha Pollack of Jefferson visited Ginny Walker on Monday.

Jackie Van-Leuven entertained her family from Littleton, Mass., and Greenwood on Thanksgiving.

Betty Perkins visited a few days this past week with her sister, Jean Welch, in Augusta. She spent Thanksgiving and the weekend with Ken and Bev Merrill in Winthrop.

Guests of Mary and Bud Paine over the holiday weekend were Mike and Sarah Lawthers of Lexington, Mass., Dick and Cindy



THANKS, QUILTERS
The Bethel Library held a party Tuesday to thank the Cross-Country Quilters group for its support of the library. The group has made a quilt each year to be raffled off, with proceeds benefiting the library. Pictured are (from left): Mabel Kennett, June Abbott, Shireen Vincent, Lucy Nordahl, Lorrie Hoeh, Jackie Van Leuven, Jackie Cressy, Dianne Smith, Lee Barth, Ginny Keniston and Barbara Honkala. Absent: Pauline Oullette, Edleen Winslow, Karen DeCarolis, Donna Gillis and Cynthia Cushman. (Photo by Alison Aloisio)

Paine of Keene, N.H., Jami Paine of Exeter, N.H., Linda Jackson of Frederickton, New Brunswick and Dennis Pitmann of Lisbon Falls.

Isabelle Bennett of Lexington, Mass., spent the holiday weekend with Linda and Reg Westleigh in West Bethel.

Lefty Keniston was a patient over the long weekend at Stephens Memorial Hospital and is recovering slowly at his home in Bethel.

Lillian and Roger Conant entertained over Thanksgiving their family, son Aaron and Lorena and Jake Tyler and son of Albany.

Mary and Lefty Keniston enjoyed Thanksgiving with family at The Chalet at Sunday River including Doug and Sandra Rice of Guilford, Conn.; Don Rice, Alton and Donna Howe of Waterford; Skipper and Barbara Howe and two girls of Old Seabrook, Conn.

Pauline and Lindley Wieden were invited to a salmon dinner at their granddaughter and husband, Christal and Soren Siren's home in Cornville last Wednesday evening. Her father and mother, Blaine and Sylvia Miller, and her brother and wife, Lon and Lisa Miller with their children, Clayton and Colby were also there. Thanksgiving Day, a most enjoyable, happy time, was shared at Sylvia and Blaine Miller's home in Norridgewock, with 24 family members present. Kelly Fraser, wife of Scott Fraser

of Paradise Road was tendered a baby shower recently by friends at her work at Telstar. She received many lovely gifts and a decorated baby block cake made by Sally Hannon.

Katy Bohr of Storrs, Conn., arrived on Wednesday to be with her parents, Gwyneth and Kenneth Bohr, after being in an automobile accident and will remain with them through Christmas.

Danna and George Nickerson entertained Saturday evening at dinner and celebrated Mother Arlene Brown's 80th birthday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Chad Dumais of Auburn, Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Brown of Westbrook, Evelyn Nickerson, the host and hostess and honored guest.

Sunday River Valley



by Rockie Graham
The sun was shining last week and the corn snowflakes were flitting about softly in the air. The temperatures were colder than they have been, but perfectly normal for this time of year. It is the gray season, but if those flakes get together and fall a little more rigorously, gray season

may turn white. That is okay with me. If the temperature is going to drop, it may as well bring fun times with it.

Last week's column got lost somewhere, and I find that even if it had arrived, part of it is lost in the computer. The joys of cyberspace and computers. Someone needs to write a poem about it. Maybe I will. And while I'm on the subject, the Bethel Area Poets Society is holding their November reading on the 29th, due to the fourth Thursday having been Thanksgiving. It will be at my house on Sunday River Road — across from the Fire Station. Call 824-3427 if you need directions.

Last week, the 17th, those of us brave enough to get up at 3 to 4 a.m. were treated to a marvelous meteor shower. There were sparks flying in all directions. Some were very bright and seemed to blaze a hole in the sky. Others were more delicate and had a long tail and lasted a long time. We couldn't count them they were flying so fast. It was a bit chilly at that hour, so my ex-neighbor Nancy and I bundled up; she made hot cocoa and we went off with mats, our sleeping bags and crazy creek chairs. We crawled into our bags and were treated to the best light show I've ever seen.

Tuesday last was the day for Turkey Tuesday. It was great as usual.

I saw my neighbors, and old friends, and made new friends. The food was great with the help of Heather's folks and many a canned good was collected for the food bank. Thanks, Heather and Dave, for putting that on every year.

Thanksgiving was of course great. I only spoke to one person, a ninth-grader, who didn't have positive things to say. He complained his mom burned the turkey. Of course, he didn't say what he did to help. But we couldn't have asked for better weather.

I have to offer a bit of an apology. For the past several months, I have been calling Gloria, one of our dump attendants, Shirley. I'm sorry, Gloria. It won't happen again.

Our latest restaurant in the Valley, Liams, is not open yet, but the sign says "soon." I will try and stop in there this week and find out what's happening. Better yet, hopefully they will be open by next week.

Even though I have been reduced to walking with a cane — as my dear Vista is still not running — by the time you read this, it will either be running or ... Tasha is not happy because our walks are shorter and much slower. But I don't care if I can't walk, I am going to the Boogie Bash this Saturday, Dec 1, at the Fare Share Coop Commons Area.

That is all for this week. Have a good week and enjoy the warm weather while it stays.

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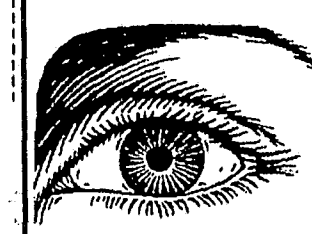
by Clem Worcester
Thanksgiving Day was enjoyed by most folks except those who had to work. We do

not have a list of who ate with whom, but we did hear reports of a few who ate too much. Lots of folks took advantage of sales and went off shopping on Friday.

The flagpole at the Hanover Town Office was raised into place last Tuesday with the help of Dale Lapham and the loader on his log truck. The 26-foot spruce tree was donated by Brian Worcester and it came from the highest point in Hanover, on top of Mt. Dinnock.

Harold Ferguson reports that he was a lucky hunter when he got a deer. He was even luckier when returning with equipment to drag the deer, he found a bear at the site. He got the bear, also. Brian Gross is the only other hunter that we can add to the successful list.

Kerry Brenner and her sons, Tom, Sam, William and Jonathon have returned home after a trip to



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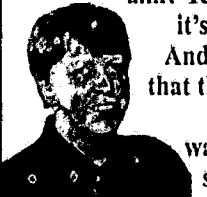
by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published here by special arrangement with the Advertising Department of this newspaper.

The annual Christmas shopping frenzy is on. They say that the day after Thanksgiving is traditionally the biggest shopping day of the holiday season. There are some people who work in stores that will argue that the Saturday before Christmas is actually the biggest shopping day.

That's probably splitting hairs because from now until Christmas there will be a lot of big shopping days. But the day after Thanksgiving as well as one of the biggest has to also be one of the longest.

Did you know that there were some stores that opened at 5 a.m. when it's still dark out! And did you know that there were long lines of people waiting for these stores to open?



Well, for those of you who have never had the Ebay experience let me educate you, it's not as easy as you may think. There is just about everything you can imagine and a few things you can't and don't want to imagine available on Ebay. There are some great deals, some bad deals and some out and out scams. As a bidder you have to be vigilant to figure out which is which. At any given time there will be over 5 million items for sale making it virtually impossible to view them all, though I have no doubt that there are those who try.

So one must decide which category to scroll through, let's say CD's. There may very well be over 150,000 CD's so it's broken down into categories like Country and Western, Rock, Jazz, Alternative, Religious and so on. Then once you find a CD you're interested in you click on it to read the description, if it's new, used, payment methods and shipping fees. Are you with me so far?

Now, for this example, let's say I'm looking at Britney Spears latest CD, it's new and sealed in the jewel case, has a starting bid of \$9.99, shipping of \$1.50 and only a couple of days left before the bidding closes. I figure this is a good deal if I can get this for no more than \$12.99 so that is the bid I place. As long as no one bids against me I would end up getting the CD for \$9.99 plus \$1.50 shipping. A very good deal indeed and very unlikely to happen.

What is likely to happen is to have the bidding get down to the final hour and someone else will place a bid against me. Let's say they bid \$10.99, but remember I have a maximum bid on \$12.99 so I am still the top bidder but now I will end up paying \$11.99 because the proxy bids usually go up in 41 increments. Are you still with me?

Okay, so I check on my bid and see that I am still the high bidder and it's down to mere minutes left. That's when I start feeling pretty smug. Then you know what happens? Along comes a sniper and places a bid higher than \$12.99 and there is not enough time left for me to up my bid so it goes to the sniper for \$13.99. Just in case you haven't figured out what a sniper is, it's someone who waits until the very end of an auction to place a bid leaving no time for anyone else to bid against them. There is even software programs to do this.

That was just one example of an average Ebay auction, but it will give you some idea what it must be like to do most of one's Christmas shopping that way.

And for all the 5 million items on Ebay on any given day there are still three people on my shopping list that I have no idea what to get.

I think just about everyone has at least one person on their list they're in a quandary over. I have my step-grandson Corey who is in the Army and will be starting jump school after Christmas. Normally he is easy to buy for, but because of the jump school regulations there is only so much civilian stuff he can have. That pretty much leaves postage stamps and phone cards (the phone cards are available on Ebay too).

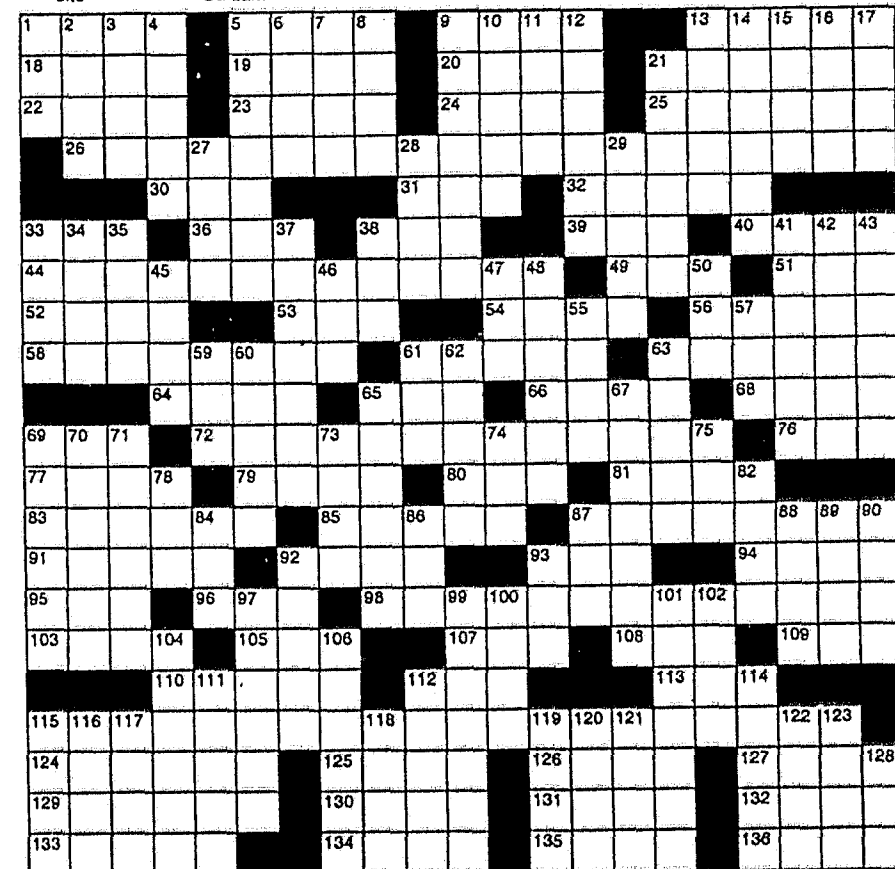
My step-daughter and her husband, Zendelle and Dave are really difficult to figure out. They both work and have no children so when they want something they just go out and buy it.

For years I gave Dave a very nice flannel shirt until Zendelle clued me in to the fact that he doesn't like flannel shirts. He must have a whole closet full of them. Maybe he should just sell them on Ebay.

In spite of the difficult ones on my list, the way I see it, I'm still way a head of most people in their Christmas shopping. And for the last three people maybe I'll just get them gift certificates to stores I think they like. And guess what, even the gift certificates are available on Ebay.

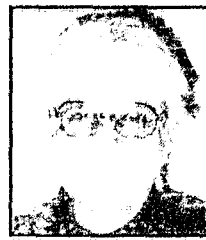
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Kalamazoo, Mich. While there, they visited friends and relatives.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer
Heather Zimmerman is on the honor roll for this quarter at Telstar Regional High School.

Polly Smith had Thanksgiving dinner at the Locke Mills Legion Post with a large number of Smith family members.

George and Charlene Haines entertained Brenda Marshall and her two children of South Paris, Joyce Marshall and two of her children, James Haines of Portland and two friends on Nov. 22.

Carrie and Craig Aube and their three sons of Falmouth and Jill Olson and Eric Mills of Oxford had Thanksgiving with Neil and Linda Olson.

Nina Mollicone journeyed to Augusta to pick up her mother, Marilyn, and on to Winterport for Thanksgiving with Conrad and Carolyn Grant. Mr. and Mrs. Marty Jackson and two children of Old Town, Alice Grant and Matthew Faulkner of Cape Elizabeth, Betty Smith and Victoria Grant were all there for Thanksgiving.

Roger and Lynn Zimmerman and Heather had dinner in Massachusetts with Lynn's brother on Nov. 22.

Heather Zimmerman is going to the Junior Olympics in Nebraska from Dec. 6 to 10. She is looking forward to this honor.

Clare Piawlock had Thanksgiving dinner with Scott and Wendy Annis.

Chris and Cindy Olson and sons, Kane and Karl, had their turkey with Bob and Barbara Kane in Otisfield on Nov. 22.

Jackie Libby had dinner at home with Brent and his daughter of South Carolina on Nov. 22.

Charlotte and Paul Kimball entertained Bruce and Volora Tuominen and children of North Norway and Mary Smith of Woodstock on Nov. 22.

Andrea Howe and daughter Savannah, Alyssa Howe, Peter Bouchard and daughter Skylar of South Paris, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seames Sr. of Locke Mills, Jason Coolidge and Rebekah Howe, Peter Seames IV of Locke Mills and Alex Betts of Locke Mills had a nice Thanksgiving dinner with Len and Diane Parker.

Esther Wilson, Grace Gibson, Dale and Nancy Kimball had Thanksgiving dinner at the Briar Lea in Bethel.

Richard and Pat Kimball had dinner with Keith and Penny Savage in Bryant Pond on Nov. 22. Richard and Pat's granddaughter had returned from Germany and joined them for dinner.



Steve and Bethany Pelletier and daughter had Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. and Mrs. La Branche in Biddeford.

Roger and Louise Twitchell had dinner with Chris and Beth Boyce in Waterford on Nov. 22. On Nov. 24, they had dinner with Nancy Twitchell in Dixfield, with more turkey.

Jeff and Tracy Milligan from Trumbull, Conn., and Penny and Bert Tibbetts of Norway visited Roger and Louise Twitchell on Nov. 24 and 25.

Jack and Lucy Nordahl returned on Nov. 20 from a trip to Florida. The colors were bright all the way down and especially along the Skyline Drive in western Virginia. They got to Key West and had to

leave right off, as the last hurricane of the season came roaring across from Cuba. All in all it was a nice trip.

Dana and Millie Jackson enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with Bob and Lori Jewell in South Paris. On Nov. 24, they enjoyed the Christmas Parade in Norway-South Paris.

Florence Hastings enjoyed Thanksgiving with Alan and Mary Alice Bancroft on Paris Hill and returned home on Nov. 25.

Scott and Judy Haines with their children, Dominic and Caitlan; Chuck and Angie Haines with children, Allen, Kasandra and Alec; and Bernie Haines and Jeanie Morgan enjoyed a big Thanksgiving dinner with Charles and Mary Lee Haines.

Arlene Harrington had Thanksgiving dinner with Gary and Esther Fuller in Locke Mills. Kaye Devona and her daughter, Donna, of Skowhegan visited with Arlene for a short time on Nov. 22.

Peter Haines and Nancy Mercer had dinner with John and Nancy Haines and family on Nov. 22.

The AIDS Awareness Committee at Telstar Regional High School will host a formal attire Ball on Dec. 8 at the Jackson-Silver Post in Locke Mills from 7 to 11 p.m. Singles are \$12 and couples are \$20 if purchased before Dec. 8. If purchased at the door, singles will be \$15 and couples \$25. This is a drug-free ball.

Rudi and Barbara Honkala enjoyed Thanksgiving with Stanley Howe and his family.

Have a good week. God Bless America.

Gilead



by Elise Caswell

Did you ever notice that the weeks from Thanksgiving to New Year's correlate on the emotional financial level to the washing machine's spin cycle? Let's just think about this a little deeper. It all begins at the beginning of the year with a temperature selection, load size and wash time. These choices depend on whether or not it's a colored year or a white year as well as how much of a pile has accumulated (it's up to you dear reader, to fill in the appropriate imagery). The white stuff gets thrown in to do the job of cleaning and then after the tub fills, we settle into a period of agitation — now doesn't that feel like working in the winter? It's the time to slowly fill the economic reservoir — very slowly if we don't get some serious rain before the freeze sets in. We enjoy getting in the swim (or snow) with friends and sharing socially through the winter season. Spring

PHONE COMPANY CALLED ON FOR TREE WORK
Using his Oxford Networks cherry picker, Brad Wight strung Christmas lights Tuesday on the Bethel Common tree. He was helped by area newcomers Andrew Bradshaw (foreground) and William Craffey, the owners of Lam's Restaurant on the Sunday River Road. Many Christmas events get underway this weekend, including the Taste of Bethel, a Chocolate Festival, Christmas tree lightings in Bethel and Newry, a Messiah Sing and a Greens Sale (see Community Calendar for details).

(Photo by Alison Aloisia)

that we met here in Maine, on Saturday — the whole week has taken on the intensity of a feeding frenzy. I marinated and roasted my first moose (road kill, mind you). Thanks to Lucky Luxton and my own brazen curiosity, I tasted my first tenderloin of venison hoping to be more supportive of my hunting husband if I knew what he was so excited about. I must admit, its flavor would cause any beef or lamb to blush in shame, though it didn't help Stephen's hunt this year.

I served my first homegrown squash and baked my first pumpkin pie made from pumpkins I grew myself. The more I consumed of the fruits of my labor, the more my diet went into a spin cycle, the more I realized how much I have invested things outside of myself, like food, a size 10 bathing suit, and pleasing my family, with the power to make me happy.

Thirteen family members have come and gone. It is Monday. Am I done yet? No, there is still food to buy and meals to make. With growing boys, food is always an issue. I stop in at the Foodliner for a few items. At the cash register I discover my pocketbook is oddly thin. Where is my checkbook? Where are my points calculators? Where is my book of points and my Weight Watchers records?

On Sunday, I putter about cleaning up after all the jollity. I catch up on laundry. I open my machine to find a colored load suspiciously speckled in flecks of white. I begin pulling out the wrung-out clothing. A pen — hey, my green checkbook. Another navy sweatshirt, a pen and behold, my points book and diet journals all washed clean. Emotionally and financially, I've been spun dry. Is my diet all washed up? Now I know what my Christmas Wish will be this year. I wish to hang out in the light and get a grip on who's really in control here.

News and/or feedback would be welcomed and may be sent to caswells@megalink.net.

Mason Township



by Richard Grover

Another hunting season has come to a close, and the Mason deer herd has escaped nearly unscathed. None of the Grover clan scored, and didn't even come close, as far as I know. I've only seen one hanging in back of one of our neighbor's house. For some reason, the deer haven't been coming out in the fields here this year. There are some around, as Mona and I saw a big buck in the road at the foot of the Kings Highway one evening under the car lights. We just couldn't corner him in daylight. Near the end of the season we did find lots of fresh tracks back in the hills where we used to hunt. I'm kind of glad I didn't shoot one back there because it is nearly a two-hour walk just to get there. Imagine dragging a big buck two or three miles out of the woods.

My youngest daughter, Anita, who got married and moved to Olympia, Wash., in June last year, has just moved again. This time, her husband, Dan, got a job with the National Park Service in west Texas, in a little-known national park, Guadalupe Hidalgo Mountains National Park. This has got to be an adjustment for a couple that has been taking training in hiking and surviving on the glaciers of the Northwest. I guess it's not the end

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of the world, but, as Joe Perham says, "You can see it from there." Anita tells me her mailing address is in Salt Flat, Texas. As near as I can tell, all there is there is a post office. It's 40 miles to the closest grocery store. Actually, Carlsbad, N. M., is the closest town of any size. They go there and go hiking in the Carlsbad Caverns for recreation. Dan, who has a master's degree in forestry, says his job is to study "controlled burns." Apparently, when conditions are favorable, they plan to burn patches of sagebrush and underbrush, which has built up to be a considerable fire hazard in the past 50 years or so, when the philosophy was to put out every fire. When I kidded him about the "controlled burn" that got away in New Mexico last year, Dan said he isn't one of the people who start the fires; he studies their effects on the environment. Mona and I are anxious to travel out there next spring to see how their desert living is going.

of my helpers have taken me for a ride this week. That was fun for me. Dale and Marcia Mills left for home in Shapleigh on Tuesday and to North Haven on Wednesday.

North Newry



by Gil Seeley
"Yellow, mellow, ripened days, sheltered in a golden coating O'er the dreamy listless haze — white dainty cloudlets floating/Winking at the blushing trees, and the somber, furrowed fallow/Smiling at the airy ease of the southward flying swallow/Sweet and smiling are the ways, beauteous, golden autumn days."

Bill and Sylvia Wight (MSA directors) attended the November meeting of the Maine Snowmobile Association at Black Bear Inn in Orono on Nov. 13. Social hour was at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m.

Call to worship at the Newry Community Church was held Sunday morning, Nov. 18, at 9 a.m., with Pastor Rodney Hanscom at the pulpit and daughter Nancy at the organ. Prelude by Jay Hanscom. Thought of the day was by Sue Wight and a special about Thanksgiving by Gil Seeley. The message of the day was "Thanks to God" from Deuteronomy 26:11. "And thou shall rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee; and unto thine house, thou and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you, rejoice and again rejoice in the Lord always." A prayer followed, hymns, benediction and postlude.

Bill and Sylvia Wight took Gil Seeley to the Seniors Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, Nov. 18, at Telstar High School. There were well over 100 seniors enjoying the delicious turkey, etc. Bill was lucky to win a gift certificate.

Bill and Sylvia Wight spent Thanksgiving Day with the Brown family in Brooks.

David Wight of Old Town spent some time last week in Newry with his parents and did a little hunting.

Dick Clark's mother passed away a week or so ago. "At last when we die we have the dear angels for our escort on the way. They who can grasp the whole world in their hands can surely also guard our souls when they make that last journey."

Upton



by Eleanor LeComte
With Thanks giving Day behind us, it's full speed ahead to the Christmas Holidays. We have visited so many craft fairs in the past month that we are beginning to believe we are major supporters of the economy of Oxford County.

Upton came to life for a few days with many family members and visitors strolling the woods and roads in the fine weather. The Brennon family spent Thanksgiving at their camp. The young adults were spotted walking three dogs up and down the hill.

The aroma of roasting turkeys and pumpkin pies permeated the air in Upton. We were not dissuaded. We went to a restaurant. Sue and Larry Nelson, Don and Linda Hartrick, Richard and Ellie LeComte



A BOUNTIFUL BREAKFAST—About 260 people attended the annual Rotary Country Breakfast Sunday in Ordway Hall at Gould Academy. Rick Whitney (left) was among the Rotarians serving up food.

(Photo by Alison Aloisia)

went to the Briar Lea in Bethel. The turkey smelled and tasted just as good as in Upton, but since we brought our wallets we did not have to do the darn dishes or store all that "stuff" in the refrigerator. The downside was that there were no leftovers to pick at for a week.

Mike Stanczyk and his three young sons hiked into the Abbott Cemetery on Sunday. The cemetery, deep in the woods, is in pretty poor shape with sunken graves and moss-covered stones. Enoch Abbott, father of the town of Upton, is buried there with his wife and descendants. Buster and Ginny Wil-

liamson tended to it for many years, planting lupine and trying to keep the brush at bay. It was a hard job and Mother Nature kept working away at it and thus its present state is understandable. Raspberry canes and blow downs add to the misery of accessing it. The boys received a history lesson and were duly impressed with the little cemetery. They were surprised that there were little children buried there. We explained that there were no antibiotics and childhood diseases killed them. The boys were respectful and impressed.

Simone Lavalley was taken ill

during the night last week and rushed to the Berlin hospital by her son, Roger. She was then transferred to Catholic Medical Center in Manchester. We are all praying for a speedy recovery.

The people of the Town of Upton wish to extend their sympathy to Joy Yarnell and her family on the death of Jim Yarnell. Jim was devoted to preserving the natural beauty of our area. He loved the birds, the rivers, the lakes and woods. We shall miss him.

Our cardinals seem to have deserted us. We haven't seen them for a week. We think they got the message when a hawk flew through the feeding area one day.

Since the "Bird of the Week" was the turkey in our last column, it is only fitting that he again achieves that dubious status. Tom Turkey has served us well. Let me count the ways. Roast turkey, turkey and gravy, turkey sandwiches and finally turkey soup. It is with little regret that we dispose of everything, except the wishbone, in the trash. As for me the Briar Lea was a fine idea.

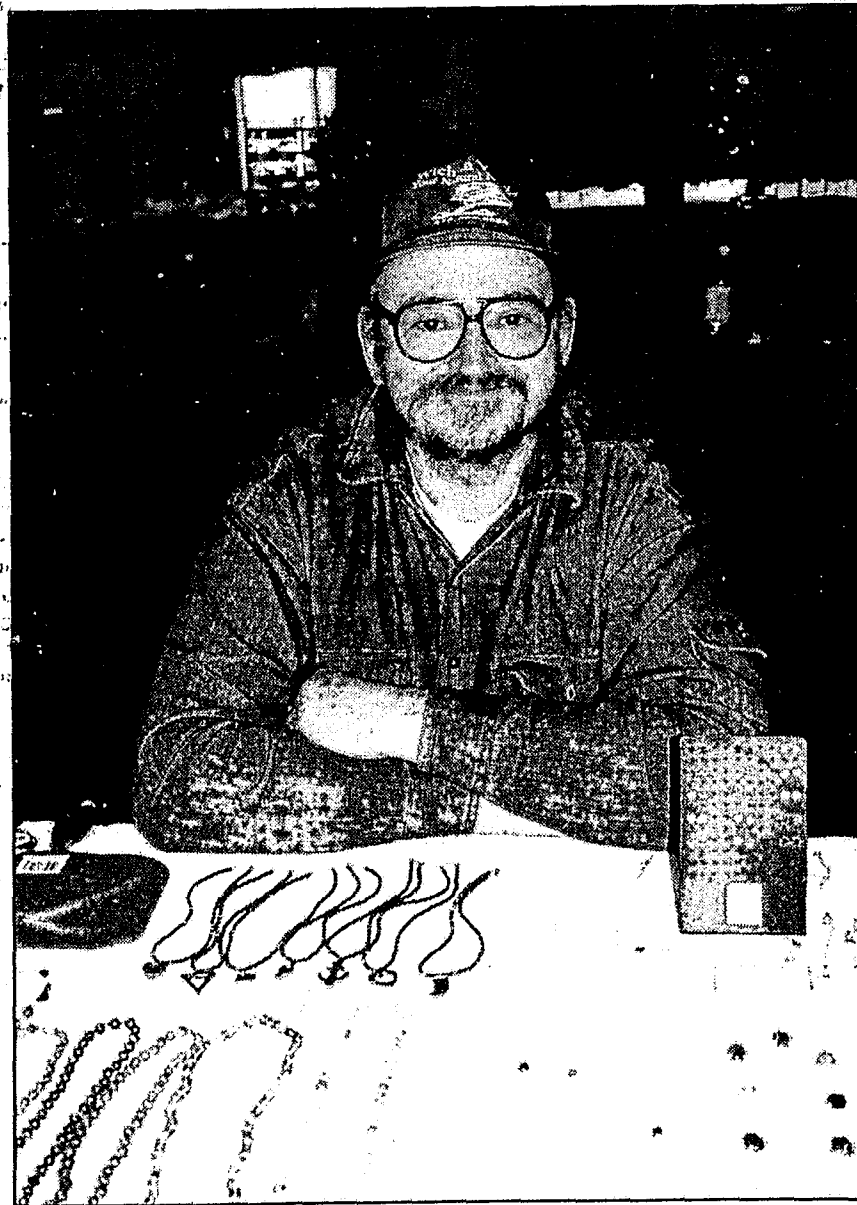
Greenwood City



by Colista Morgan
The woods are peaceful and quiet and the nights are cool and deep. There is a balmy

warmth in the air. I had almost forgotten November could be so pleasant. It seems more like spring than fall. Nearby a brook twinkles and a few clouds are overhead. But soon winter will come marching through carrying away the leaves and leaving a cloak of white over all. The pines hang dark by the pond where the ice has begun to form.

I have had a good week. Several



THE LOCAL WARES FAIR, held at the Bethel Inn last Saturday, was a great success for local artisans and crafters. Cindy Wakefield-Campbell and Lola Crockett (above), both of Bethel, sold knit sweaters, hats, mittens, socks and snowmen. Norm Davis of Newry (left) featured a display of jewelry with gemstones from around the world.

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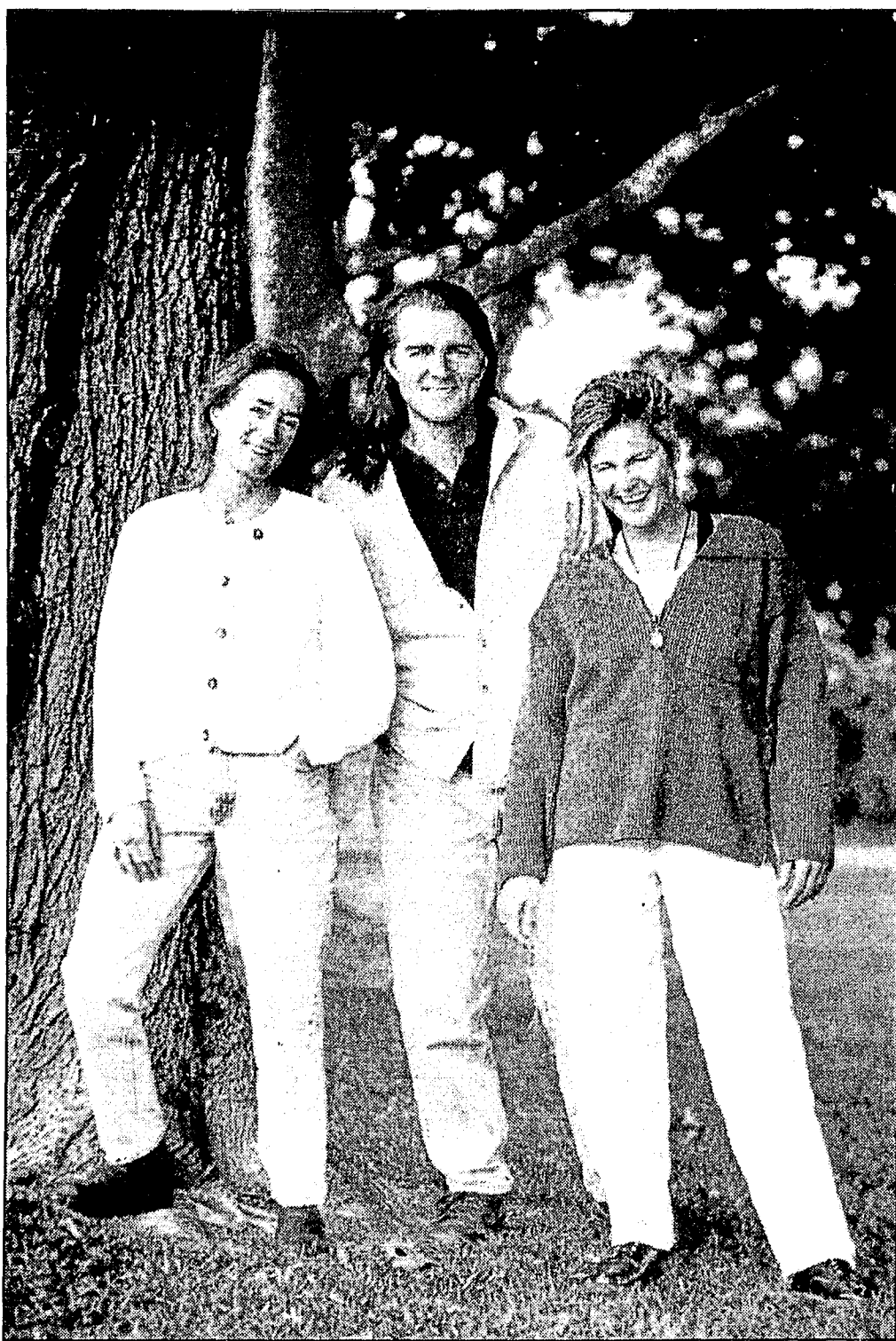
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Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt
At the Whitman Memorial Library they have beautiful photography done by local photog-

raphers Paul, Linda and Toni Cary. The photographs are mostly of lighthouses. From now until Dec. 21, they will have crafts and baked goods available. If you want to do some economical Christmas shopping, they recommend you check them out. They even have stocking stuffers. Refreshments will be available on Fridays, Dec. 13, the Book Club will sponsor Rodney Abbott, who will read poetry. "A Cup of Christmas Tea" will be read. Refreshments will be tea and cookies. All are invited to come.

Patch the Pirate Club meets each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Baptist Church, same time as prayer meeting. Sunday services are Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., Youth Group at 4:30 p.m., choir practice at 5 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. On Nov. 28, missionary Tim Bicha will be at the church.

Franklin Grange 124 met on Monday night for a regular meeting with 16 present. The Thanksgiving basket went to Lee Farrar and the Christmas tree to Lucille Robbins. The upstairs hall now has new windows and the anti room is not being painted. The next meeting will be Dec. 8. This is a day meeting with a potluck dinner and Christmas party.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Dec. 6 at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills for a meeting, dinner and party.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Grace Archer.

I hope you all had a very nice Thanksgiving. We joined my sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Chase, for a family gathering of 24 for a delicious dinner.

Curator Larry Billings has given the Historical Society a rare toy train station, a cuckoo clock and some model ships. The society represents our town and area especially well. All its members are dedicated volunteers who take their obligations to serve the public seriously.

Ruby Emery's book, "Hamlin's Gore," is now being sold for the society at Books 'N Things in Bethel. The society has some items in their museum shop that you might

like as Christmas gifts. Check them out. Curator Larry Billings has given a medium size oil painting to the society and also a book on events of the 20th Century and an antiques magazine on the treasure houses of Great Britain. He has purchased a copy of "She Took to the Woods."

Albany



by
Sheila Dyke
We hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, filled with fam-

ily and friends, smiles and joy. We need to count our blessings and keep in mind all that we have to be thankful for — not just during Thanksgiving, but always, especially in these trying times. We should always keep in our minds and hearts those American soldiers overseas who are fighting a war against an evil that is still, today, difficult to comprehend for many of us. And, we should hope and pray that success in this war will come soon.

Missionaries Mark and Melanie Edwards were at the Albany Congregational Church on Sunday, Nov. 18, for fellowship and to garner financial and spiritual support for their upcoming third four-year term as missionaries in Ecuador. The couple brought with them literature, pictures and samples of insect life and artifacts from their previous missions to help us all get a feel for life in Ecuador. If anyone is interested in helping to support this very worthwhile cause, please send your donations to Mark and Melanie Edwards, 80 Union Street, Apt. 3, Littleton, NH 03561.

Carlton Rugg got his buck on Friday, Nov. 23. Finally! The spike horn weighed between 110 and 120.

The Albany Congregational Church is taking donations for Christmas baskets to be delivered to Albany families in need this year. If you wish to donate to this, you can contact Pam Rugg. She is also accepting monetary donations for the Christmas Angel — money is collected and then presents purchased for a child who has a parent (or both parents) who are currently incarcerated.

There is also a hymn sing on Friday, Nov. 30, at the Pinhook Meeting House in Woodstock. Members of various churches get together to make a joyful noise.

The church is having a bake sale

at the Bethel Foodliner (IGA) on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Holy communion will be observed on Sunday, Dec. 2.

We missed last week's Bible Study, but plan on being at this week's study on Thursday at the home of Fernand and Holle Corriveau, starting at 6:30 p.m.

West Paris



by
Bertha DeHaas

On Sunday, Nov. 18, Dot and Lee Farrar observed their 55th anniversary and it was also Dorothy's birthday.

On the evening of Sunday, Nov. 18, Thomas and Mary Standard did a pictorial story of their trip to Africa. They also showed beautiful hand-carved animals, birds and other articles.

Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18, the Richard Felt Band played at the Veterans' Home on High Street, South Paris.

Monday night, Mrs. Helvi Cary presented Franklin Grange Master Richard G. Felt with a check for \$200 from the Woodstock Senior Citizens toward the repair of a thermal window. It sure was good to see Richard back with us after triple bypass surgery. Welcome back, Richard.

The Ladies Guild of the West Paris Baptist Church met for their monthly meeting at the church. This was hosted by Jean Tynner, Mary Standard taught us how to make "pineapple turkey" centerpieces.

South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing

I received a call from Wallace Hussey, a former South Woodstock resident. Wal-

lace lived in this area for many years and now lives in Maryland and is still working for the U.S. Government. He told me he now has 11 grandchildren and is doing well and plans to retire soon and go to work at another job. I thought the neighbors in South Woodstock who knew Wallace would be interested in how he is doing.

Jayne Mack got a deer last week.

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Richard Wing has been home from work several days with a knee problem.

Much sympathy to the family and friends of Bill LaBonte, who died this past week. He was well known in this area and will be greatly missed.

Larry Billings, curator of Woodstock Historical Society, reports that he has given the museum some wooden cutouts of African-American figures, a large book on "The Collector in America" and a small oval portrait. Michael Stowell has given the museum some genealogical information. Curator Billings has been reading Virginia Wolf's short novel, "Jacob's Room." The November meeting of the society featured a program on toys. Members decided to sell the book, "Hamlin's Gore," in area bookstores. Curator Billings gave three toys to the museum. Earlier in the day, members helped celebrate Annella Burnham's 80th birthday. The December meeting will be a potluck supper and Christmas party.

Quote of the Week: "I've learned that fashion is something that goes out of style as soon as everyone has one."

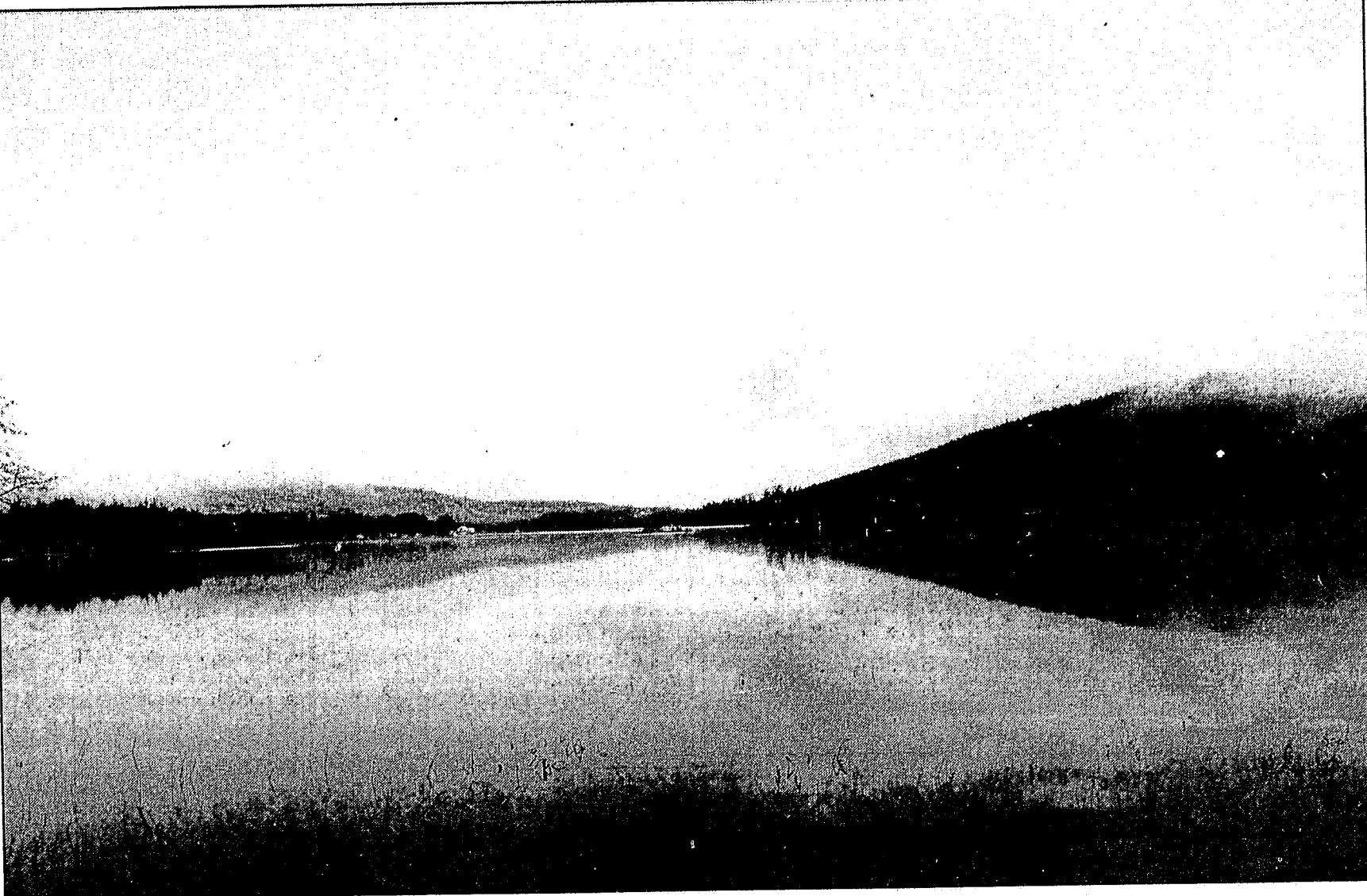
Bethel House

Ruth Cummings is a patient at Stephens Memorial Hospital, 181 Main Street, Norway, ME 04268 and would enjoy receiving cards.

From the Bethel Rotary Club

This week in Rotary we heard about recycling from Jackie Cressy on the Oxford County Regional Solid Waste Corp. and Tri-Town Solid Waste Board. She created a greater awareness of the economics of recycling and offered an ecological perspective as a citizen to live in a responsible manner. Most of us know about the benefits according to the Maine State Planning Office "Why Recycle" fact sheet of local environment benefits, saving natural resources, and waste and pollution reduction and saving energy, but we may not be aware of the local economics of recycling. Did you know that Bethel generates 7793 tons per person of municipal solid waste? Bethel presently is at 39 percent adjusted recycling and has set a goal of 50 percent. Bethel is slightly below the state average for recycling. Did you know that the cost of waste disposal in Bethel is the largest cost after education? The Tri-Town (Bethel, Hanover, Newry) Solid Waste Board is presently soliciting businesses to participate in a business recycling survey to learn more about our local recycling habits and where we can improve.

Thank you to Gould Academy for letting us use Ordway Hall for the Country Breakfast. The facility receives many compliments.



MORNING MIST RISES
from North Pond.
The recent unseasonably warm weather has made it pleasant to be outside, but has also put a damper on the young ski season. Colder air was due to arrive last night (Wednesday).
(Photo by Michael Daniels)

Thanks to those who joined us for breakfast and nice to see some of you who we haven't seen in awhile.

Christmas for Children Campaign: Over the past 14 years, the Bethel Rotary Club has sponsored this campaign. Member Dave Murphy has been and continues to be a most gracious and generous coordinator of this program. Dave shared that over the years this program has raised over \$90,000 and provided assistance for well over 100 children annually. Because of your generosity, Santa's job has been made easier. The goal of this program is to be sure that every child in the SAD44 area has the opportunity to wake up on Christmas morning to find some special gifts under the tree. The club will once again use your donations to this program to purchase gift certificates for toys and other important necessities for needy families. Contributions can be sent to: Christmas for Children Program, 844 Mayville Road, Bethel, ME 04217.

Calendar items: Poinsettia Sale happening now; Dec. 1, Christmas Tree Lighting on the Common; Dec. 11, Senior Dinner at Locke Mills American Legion Hall.

Upcoming programs: Tour of Sunday River Ski Resort's Snowflake Factory; Club Assembly.

Inside Rotary: Thank you John and Carolyn of the Gideon-Hastings House for hosting us and for the wonderful breakfast. Do you

know what a Nittany Lion is? Great article, Steve. Delicious pumpkin muffins, Kathy.

Last chance for your poinsettia. Poinsettias are great for that special event, home decoration, or gift. Thanks to Designs we are selling two sizes of white and red poinsettias plants. Small size is \$18 and large size is \$22. Last order deadline is Dec. 4 with delivery by Dec. 7. Place your order with any Bethel Rotarian or call Cynthia at 824-4500 or Dawna at 336-9050. Proceeds from this sale support the Bethel Rotary's many community projects. Thanks to Maine Press for their support and assistance with the order forms.

From the Mahoosuc Arts Council

The Mahoosuc Arts Council in-

vites the community to a performance of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street in Bethel.

Handel's Messiah, a traditional favorite, is an oratorio written in three parts and includes the rousing Hallelujah Chorus. Handel originally composed the Messiah for a community chorus and orchestra and it has probably had more performances than any masterwork in the history of music. The community chorus will be under the direction of Dan Allen and accompanied by Faye Hill.

All members of the community are welcome to participate by enjoying the performance as audience members or by singing in the chorus. Optional rehearsals for the chorus are from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the church. Messiah chorus books will be provided on a limited basis. Please bring your own well-worn copy if you own one. Donations for the Messiah Sing will be accepted at the door.

For more information, call the Mahoosuc Arts office at 824-3575.

From the Tri-Town Solid Waste and Recycling Board

The Tri-Town Solid Waste and Recycling Board is pleased to announce that OCSWC, the recycling facility in Norway, will now be collecting newspapers, magazines and junk mail in the same container. This more convenient way to recycle these materials is due to changes in the way paper mills process paper. New signs on the containers at the Recycling Center will indicate where materials can be placed.

Here is a summary of the four categories of paper, along with the

prices that the Norway facility is currently getting for the various products:

Office paper includes computer paper, stationery, envelopes without windows, etc. (\$70/ton).

Non-corrugated cardboard includes cereal, tissue, cracker boxes, index cards, construction paper, file folders, tissue cores, milk cartons, etc. (\$15/ton).

Newspapers, magazines, junk mail includes glossy flyers and ads that do not necessarily come in the mail, as well as envelopes with windows (\$32.50/ton).

Corrugated cardboard (\$35/ton).

We hope that being able to sort into fewer categories will encourage more people to recycle more materials. Please note that we are no longer using the term "mixed paper," which was confusing and actually only referred to non-corrugated cardboard. If you have questions about where certain kinds

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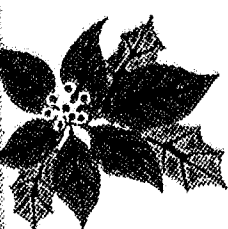


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The Greenleaf House renovation was made possible through the funding of the Maine State Housing Authority and is fully accessible to individuals with disabilities. Tours will be given by the boys, and refreshments will be served.

Please join us for this celebration!

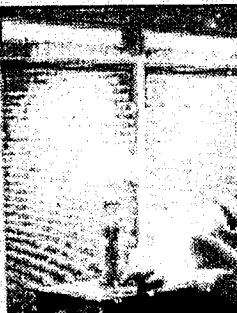
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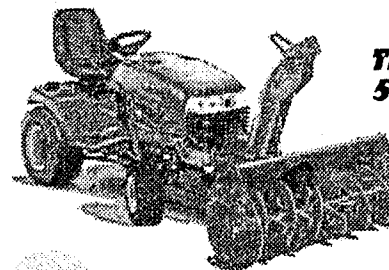
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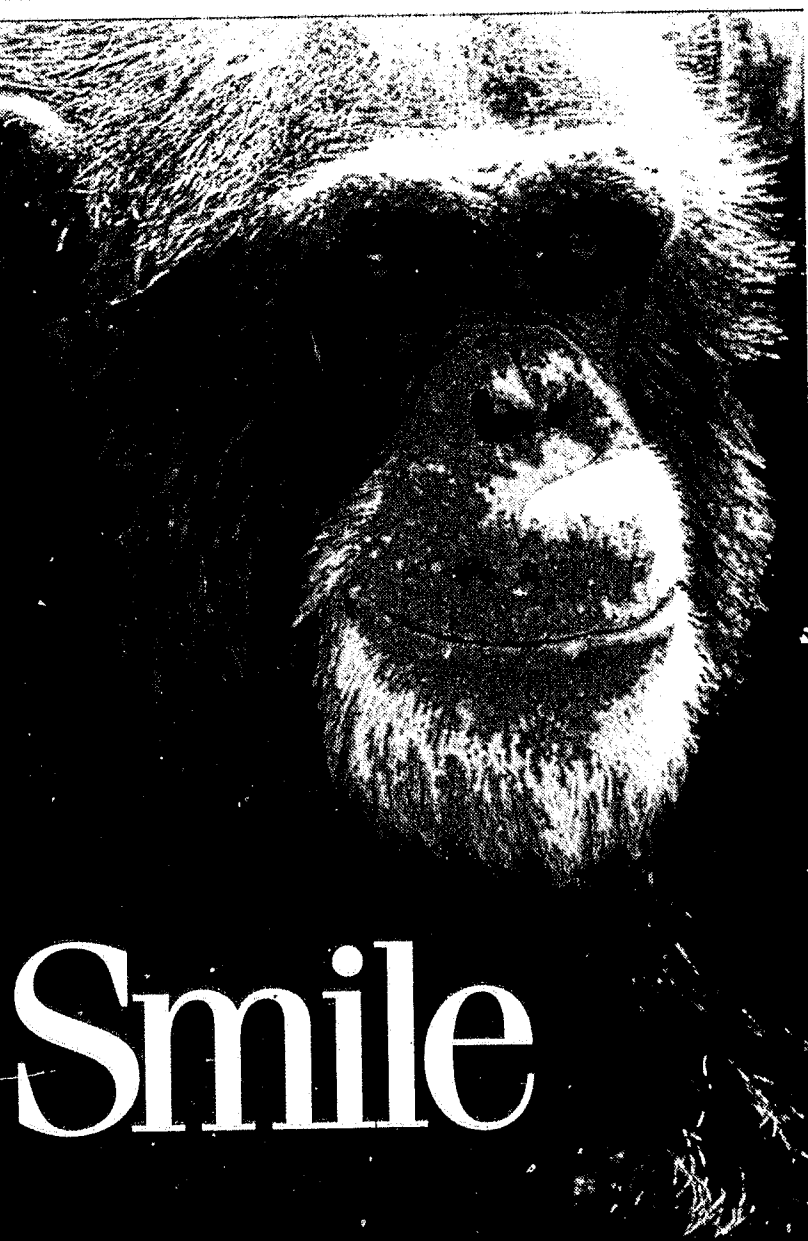


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of paper should be placed, ask the attendants at the Recycling Center.

Please also note that office paper is worth twice as much as the newspaper, magazine and junk mail mixture. Please make the effort to separate office paper from the rest of your recyclables.

The Tri-Town Solid Waste and Recycling Board is composed of two representatives each from Bethel, Hanover, and Newry. Current members are Scott Cole and Jackie Cressy from Bethel, Sylvia Gray and Owen Wight from Newry, and Bob Fortin and Brenda Gross (Bruce Powell, alternate) from Hanover. Any of these representatives can answer questions about recycling or disposal of solid waste and can be reached through their respective town offices.

From the

Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Doesn't the Bethel village look beautiful? It is a result of many volunteer hours and we have several people to thank.

Sheila Fleet and Dave Friday of Earth Design Associates are responsible for the four lovely trees on the Route 26/Bethel Station lot. The power to light those trees is being supplied by Bethel Station, and we thank them, too. The 13 trees on the Bethel common were supplied by the Greenstock Snowmobile Club and erected by Brian and Kevin Zinchuk. The elves that decorated the trees include: David Freiday, Barry Estes, Sande Parker, Kevin Finley, Jackie and Al Cressy, Seabury and Sharon Lyon and Carol and Brad Boden. The gazebo, which is adorned in balsam roping, lights and ribbons, was decorated by the Pooh Corner crew: Richard, Carol, Forest, Christopher and Margaret Duplessis. The wreaths on the utility poles in the village were put up by the Bethel Town crew. So — many hands make light work and the chamber

would like to publicly thank all those who helped.

Don't forget the Christmas decorating contest for businesses and residences that is going on and will be judged on Dec. 2. Call the office to register, 824-2282, if you'd like to be entered. The theme is Old Fashioned Christmas.

It will be great to see everyone at the December Business after hours at L'Auberge Bistro and Country Inn on Thursday, Dec. 13. Please plan to be there to see the beautiful renovation that Alex and Adam Adler just completed.

Don't forget all the great events happening this coming Saturday, Dec. 1, including the Taste of Bethel and Theme Wreath Auction from noon to 2 p.m. at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. We expect about a dozen Bethel area restaurants to join us and offer delicious samples of their house specialties. Samples are 75 cents each. We also have 18 wreaths supplied from our local businesses that will be available in a "silent auction" format. Come check them out. Free horse-drawn wagon and carriage rides will be ongoing from noon to 4 p.m., sponsored by W.J. Wheeler & Co., Inc. Santa will be arriving on the common at 6 p.m. to greet everyone with special treats and then, after completing the ceremonial lighting of the town tree, will accompany the crowd down to the gazebo, where the Gould Academy and Telstar High School musical groups will be entertaining and leading a sing-a-long. The day is packed with many other activities as well, so we hope that you will plan to stay in town and join in all the fun.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

The annual "Christmas with the Masons" will be held on Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Dr. Moses Mason House, 14 Broad Street, beginning

at 6 p.m. Once more the museum will be decorated as it might have been in the early 19th century with boughs, berries, fruit and cones. Visitors on Thursday evening can taste hot mulled cider served from the hearth of the winter kitchen and delicious cookies and other treats that will be available during the event. Several fireplaces will be operating and harp music will be wafting throughout the house. The event is free and open to all interested in experiencing the holiday season in another bygone era.

Following this portion of the evening, visitors can retire to the meeting room after 7:30 and take in a short slide presentation of winter scenes from the past in the region. After this, volunteers who assisted the society in the past year will be honored. Refreshments will be served.

Mary C. Keniston, who served as the society's bookkeeper for the past seven years, was honored at a special dinner at the Sudbury Inn on Nov. 16 following her retirement earlier in the year. Society Director Stanley R. Howe cited her dedication and presented her with a special retirement card signed by all present and a unique Bethel Historical Society pen in a wooden case made from wood once in the O'Neil Robinson House. Attending besides the guest of honor were her husband, Earlon Keniston, Randy Bennett, George and Danna Nickerson, Sarah Tucker, Walter Hatch, Dean and Priscilla Walker, and Stan Howe.

Over twelve hundred members strong, the Bethel Historical Society, founded in 1966, is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive full-time historical agency, dedicated to collecting, preserving and interpreting the regional past for present and future generations. During the past thirty-five years, the society's activities have included lectures, exhibits, special events, heritage festivals, workshops, conferences, school and educational programs, and publications. Since 1974, the society has operated from its Broad Street headquarters, the Dr. Moses Mason House, a period house museum and

research library. In 1999, it opened the O'Neil Robinson House (next door) to the public for an expanded exhibit program, museum shop space and administrative offices. Through the years, the society's achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

From the

SAD44 Music Boosters

The return of a full music department to SAD44 is a dream come true for many in the district, including those who are not directly connected to a participating student.

This wonderful development has encouraged interest in a Music Boosters organization. The purpose of the Music Boosters is to support the music department at all grade levels. The first meeting was held Thursday, Nov. 19, in the Telstar library. We discussed various topics ranging from volunteering to work with students at school to fundraising.

The Music Boosters would encourage and welcome your participation in any capacity. Regular meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month, the next being Jan. 10. Please join us. If you wish to contact someone for more information, please call 665-2135 or e-mail us at: sad44musicboosters@hotmail.com.

From the

Bethel Area Poets Society

Bethel Area Poets Society will hold the November poetry reading on Thursday, Nov. 29, from 7 to 9 p.m. The reading will be held at 449 Sunday River Road in Newry, across from the Fire Station. All area poets and poetry lovers are welcome. Come and read your poetry and listen to the best the area has to offer. For more information or directions, call 824-3427.

SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF DEC. 3

SAD44 Elementary/Middle/High Breakfast Program
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SAD44 Middle/High Lunch Program

Monday: Chicken pattie/hb bun, choice of pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, teriyaki chicken/hb bun, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Tuesday: Ground beef and macaroni, green beans, bread/butter, choice of pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Wednesday: Pizza stix, kernel corn, potato chips, choice of pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hot dog/bun, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Thursday: Chicken 'n fries, hash brown, choice of pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, teriyaki chicken/hb bun, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Friday: Turkey sub, kernel corn, potato chips, choice of pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, fishwich, hamburger/bun, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

SAD44 Elementary Lunch Program

Monday: Chicken pattie/hb bun, assorted fruit juice, beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Tuesday: Ground beef and macaroni, green beans, bread/butter, beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Wednesday: Pizza stix, kernel corn, beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Thursday: Chicken 'n fries, hash brown, garden peas, beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Friday: Turkey sub, kernel corn, potato chips, beef ravioli, pbj sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar, milk.

Oxford Hills High School Lunch

Monday: Chicken nuggets w/BBQ sauce, mashed potato, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Meatball sub in roll, grated cheese, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: French toast sticks w/syrup, hash browns, sausage patty, orange, milk.

Thursday: Shepherd's pie, bread/butter, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Friday: Ham steak, carrots, baked potato, salad bar, fruit, milk.

Oxford Hills Middle School Lunch

Monday: Tuna salad on w/w or taco chips w/meat sauce, pasta bar, milk.

Tuesday: Turkey Italian or vegetarian sub, potato chips, pasta bar, milk.

Wednesday: Cheeseburger/bun or hot dog/bun, potato wedges, pickles, pasta bar, milk.

Thursday: Rib-A-Que/bun or hot ham and cheese/bun, nacho chips, pasta bar, milk.

Friday: Swedish meatball sub, potato puff, pasta bar, animal cookies, milk.

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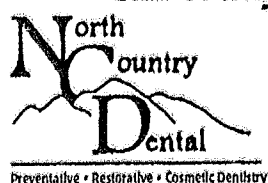
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News from School Administrative District #44: Andover • Bethel • Greenwood • Newry • Woodstock

It's been a busy November here at Crescent Park School!



CPS Kindergarteners enjoy sharing their journals during a monthly writers share circle. Classmates develop critical thinking skills as they are provided with the opportunity to ask questions of the author's work.

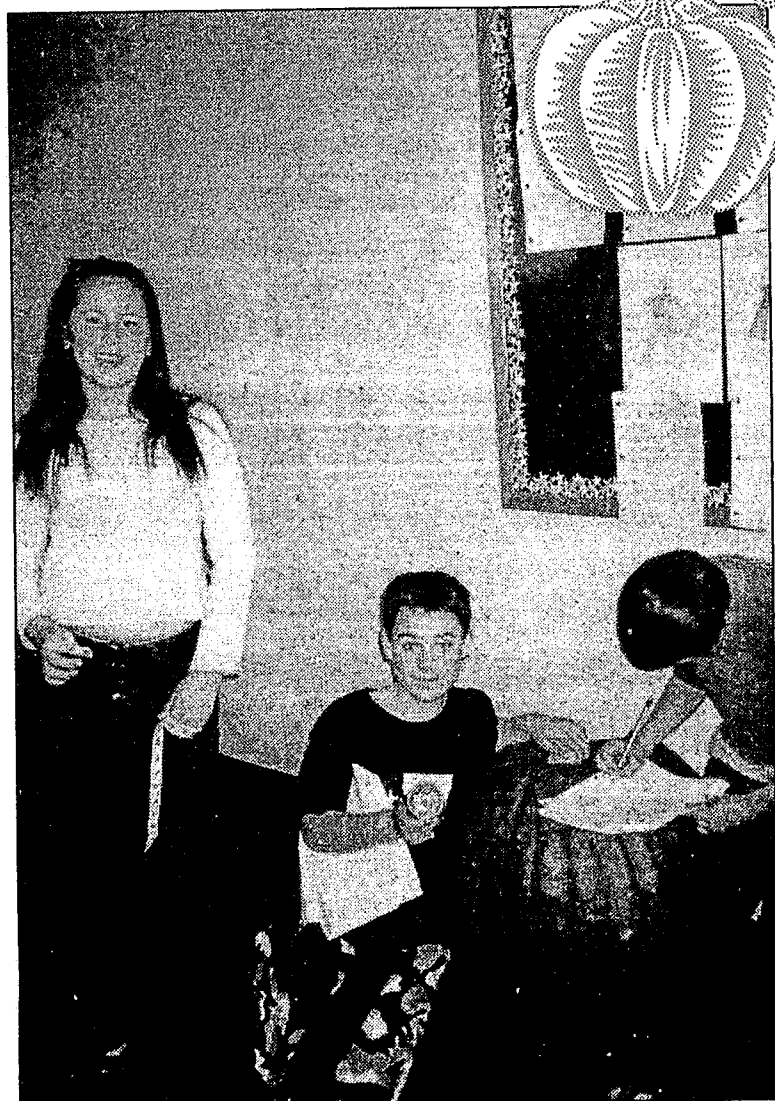


Traveling Kinderpacks have been a big success in Mrs. Sabin's class at CPS. Nine educational backpacks go home with various students each evening, filled with activities in the areas of literacy, math, writing, and reading. Zachary Mills displays the counting backpack.



At CPS, Miss Davis' fourth-graders and Miss Haines' kindergarten students have buddied up to learn computer and reading skills. They meet every week in the computer lab and read books to each other.

We've been busy as bees here at Woodstock Elementary School!



Dachelle Crane, Patrick Gallagher and Scott Billings, WES fifth-graders, estimated the number of seeds in this 122 pound pumpkin.



Mrs. Robinson is assisted by Zach Downs (left) and Destiny Lyman in preparing "Monster Toes" at WES.



Playground work at WES was completed October 27 and 28. Carol Phillips, Lynne Billings, and Sara Lavorgna worked on painting a huge United States map on the playground.



A WES playground project completed by volunteers October 27 and 28 is a Wall Ball wall. Shown are Jeff Littlehale, Curtis Lyman, Richard Baumgaret and Sean Baumgaret.



William Curtis bakes "Monster Toes" for the Halloween lunch in the resource room at WES.

Safety comes first here at Andover Elementary School!



The fifth grade class at AES participated in a mock fire on a school bus. The bus filled with smoke from dry ice. The students evacuated to the rear of the bus.

We love Halloween at Andover Elementary School!



Halloween at AES: The Statue of Liberty (Marie Corbin-Keane) and Sister Nature (Karen McKay).

I hurt for all those people that died that day, and for all those many families that had to give their loved ones away. We have come so very far can't you see. It's almost been two months since the awful tragedy. So America's people raise our flags up high, they may have killed many of our people but American Spirit never dies. So for the families that had to put many to rest, just remember it was them that put America at its best. So as America gives our enemies a shove, just think they are all watching and helping us above.

So as we reach this month do see, that this is not a catastrophe. We have pulled together, we will come through. And this is when I am proud to say, America I love you. So for all of you that are still working on the rich soil today, think of all the souls you have helped release everyday. For each piece of metal you hold in your hand, just think to yourself you're one of America's biggest fans. So as America gives a tear from the depth of her soul, we are brought together as one. America the whole.

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THURSDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 29, 2001											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	News	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers						WWF Smackdown!			
(32)	Step-Step	WonderYr	Movie: "Private Benjamin"				WonderYr	WonderYr	700 Club		
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Schwartz	Will-Grace	Sisters	ER	News			
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	Be a Millionaire		Primetime Thursday		News		
10	News-Lehrer	Malne.		Made In	Frontline		Mystery!	Superbugs-Kill			
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL 2Night		NFL Football: Philadelphia Eagles at Kansas City Chiefs						Sportsctr.	
(34)	Mad TV	Mad TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Movie: "Escape From Alcatraz 12"				Star Trek: Next Gener.			
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Survivor: Africa		CSI: Crime Scn		Agency		News		
(41)	Tailgate	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Orlando Magic					Sports	Sports	Last Word	Best-Sports	
(15)	Real Sports	Inside the NFL			Movie: "Me, Myself & Irene"				Best of Real Sex		
(17)	Movie: "Jumping Ship"		Movie: "It Nearly Wasn't Christmas"					Far From Home: Yellow Dog			
(18)	"The Art of War" Cont'd		Movie: "XChange"				Movie: "Disclosure"				
(20)	To Be Announced			ESPNes		ESPNes	ESPNes	ESPNes	ESPNes	ESPNes	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		From the Files of Unsolved Mysteries: Voice				Golden	Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Friends	Movie: "A View to a Kill"						Movie: "Air America"		
(24)	Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongeob	U Pick	Brady	Family Ties	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family	
(25)	Three Stooges		Movie: "Fat Man and Little Boy"				Movie: "Zulu"				
(26)	JAG		Nash Bridges		Movie: "The Terminator"				Martin	Martin	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography				Poirot	Law & Order			
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Chicago Bulls			News		Coach		
(39)	Wolf Blitzr	Crossfire	The Point		Larry King Live		Newsnight	Greenfield	Moneyline		

FRIDAY EVENING NOVEMBER 30, 2001										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	News	Frasier	Movie: "The Terminator"				Ent. Tonight	Frasier	5th Wheel	Shipmates
(32)	Step-Step	WonderYr	Cher: Live in Concert From the MGM Grand				WonderYr	WonderYr	700 Club	
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Dateline				Law & Order			
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Funniest Home Videos		Thieves		Once and Again		News	
10	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	Wall St.	Barbara	Barbara	Barbara		Adventure	Egg
(22)	Gameday	College Football: Mid-American Conference Champ. - Marshall at Toledo						Sportscenter		
(34)	Mad TV	Mad TV	Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Star Trek: Next Gener.	
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Frosty	Frosty	Figure Skating: World Ice Challenge			News		
(41)	Tailgate	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Last Word	Sports	Sports	Last Word	Best-Sports
(15)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Get Carter"				Creature Features: She Creature		Curb	
(17)	Proud	Lizzie	Movie: "Bug's Life"			Movie: "Bug's Life"				
(18)	Movie: "Any Given Sunday"						Movie: "Charlie's Angels"			
(20)	To Be Announced				ESPNes	ESPNes	ESPNes	ESPNes	ESPNes	ESPNes
(44)	Figure Skating: Trophée	Unsolved Mysteries			From Unsolved Mysteries: The Sleepwalker Killing		Once and Again			
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Friends	Movie: "Fire Down Below"				Movie: "Invincible"			
(24)	Rugrats	Rugrats	Spongeb	Oddparents	Marlins	Invader Zim	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family
(25)	Three Stooges		Movie: "The Natural"				Cinema		Invasion	
(26)	JAG		Nash Bridges		Movie: "Beverly Hills Cop"				Movie: "Crimson Tide"	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Nightclub Years				Law & Order	
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Commando"				News		In the Heat of the Night	
(39)	Wolf Blitzr	Crossfire	The Point		Larry King Live		Newsnight		Greenfield	Moneyline

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 1, 2001										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Ottawa Senators						Entertainment Tonight		Star Trek: Voyager	
(32)	Rudolph's-New Year		Santa Is Coming to Town		Without Santa		Jack Frost		Life of Santa Claus	
6	NBA Basketball: Magic at Wizards		Movie: "Stripes"						News	Sat. Night
8	College Football		College Football: Big 12 Championship Game -- Colorado vs. Texas							News
10	Laura Darrell's Very Special Christmas				Tim Janis: An American Composer in Concert			Red Green	Red Green	Red Green
(22)	Gameday	College Football: Auburn at Louisiana State					Sportscenter			
(34)	Rodeo	Monster Jam		Robot Wars: Extreme		WWF Excess		WWF Excess Late Night		
13	Entertainment Tonight		Rugrats	Rugrats	Touched by an Angel		District		News	
(41)	AHL Hockey: Albany River Rats at Hartford Wolf Pack						Sports	Sports	Beyond the Glory	
(15)	Ready to Rumble		Movie: "Finding Forrester"				Boxing			
(17)	Proud	Lizzie	Movie: "The Poof Point"			Movie: "Prince for a Day"		Friends-Living With AIDS		
(18)	Movie: "Timecop" Cont'd		Movie: "Primary Suspect"				Movie: "Demolition Man"			
(20)	Innervision	McCarver	Planet X	Finish Line	College Basketball: Southern Methodist at LaSalle			ESPNes	ESPNes	
(44)	Movie: "Bella Mafia"								Beyond Chance	
(5)	Movie: "Fire Down Below"				Movie: "Deliverance"			"Fire Down Below"		
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Movie: "Virtual Mom"		Garcia	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family All in Family		
(25)	Silver Streak Cont'd		Movie: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"				Movie: "Rock Around the Clock"			
(26)	Movie: "Missing in Action"				Movie: "Mad Max"				Law and Order	
(27)	Law & Order		Behind Closed Doors		Andrea Bocelli		Poirtrot	100 Centre Street		
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Chicago Bulls			News		Delta F. 2	
(39)	Capital Gang		CNN Presents		Larry King Weekend		Special Rpt.	People	Capital Gang	

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 2, 2001											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Diggsdown"				Maximum Exposure		World's Wildest Police		
(32)	"Must Be Santa" Cont'd		Movie: "Miracle on 34th Street"				Movie: "Miracle on 34th Street"				
6	Movie: "The Prince of Egypt"				Law and Order		UC: Undercover	News	Hot Ticket		
8	Movie: "Brian's Song"				Alias		Practice	News	Buffy		
10	PP&M Concert		Charlotte Church Enchantment				Firesign Theatre: Weirdly Cool		Mystery!		
(22)	Sportsctr	NFL Primetime		NFL Football: Buffalo Bills at San Francisco 49ers							Sportsctr
(34)	Mad TV	Mad TV	Fame for 15		Ultimate	Small Shots	Gallagher Gospel Hour		Bull Riding		
13	60 Minutes		Max Bickford		Movie: "Jack and the Beanstalk: The Real Story"				News		
(41)	College Basketball		College Basketball: Clemson at Duke				Sports	Sports	Beyond the Glory		
(15)	Crazy in Alabama		Sopranos		Sex & City	Sex & City	Project Greenlight		Movie: "Almost Famous"		
(17)	Proud	Lizzie	"The Ultimate Christmas Present"				Movie: "Back to the Future Part II"		BugJuice		
(18)	"Hudson Hawk" Cont'd		Movie: "Galaxy Quest"				Movie: "Space Cowboys"				
(20)	Front Row -- Vertical Run		Wild World of Winter		ESPNes	ESPNes	ESPNes	ESPNes	ESPNes	ESPNes	
(44)	Abduction of Innocence		Strong Medicine		Division		Any Day Now		Women Docs		
(5)	"The Mask" Cont'd		Movie: "Most Wanted"				Movie: "Sniper"				
(24)	Taina	Ginger	TEENick	Walk	Family Ties	Family Ties	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family	
(25)	Charley	The Lot	Movie: "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"				Screen	Movie: "Southern Comfort"			
(26)	Movie: "Blade Runner" Cont'd			Movie: "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"				Law & Order			
(27)	100 Centre Street		Movie: "The Lost Battalion"				Movie: "The Lost Battalion"				
(12)	Mutant X		Andromeda		Earth: Final Conflict		News	Replay	In the Heat of the Night		
(39)	CNN Presents		Wolf Blitzr	People	Larry King Weekend		World in Crisis		CNN Presents		

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 3, 2001											
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
(3)	News	Frasier	Hughleys	One	Parkers	Girlfriends	Ent. Tonight	Frasier	5th Wheel	Shipmates	
(32)	Rudolph's-New Year		Robbie	Twas Night	Movie: "Special Delivery"				700 Club		
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Weakest Link		Third Watch		Ed		News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Be a Millionaire		NFL Football: Green Bay Packers at Jacksonville Jaguars						
10	News-Lehrer		Blenko Retro: Three Designers of American Glass				Road to Wealth				
(22)	Sportsctr.	Monday Night Countdown			Figure Skating: ISU Grand Prix Series -- NHK Trophy					Cheerlead	
(34)	Fame for 15		Star Trek: Next Gener.		WWF Raw				Star Trek: Next Gener.		
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	King	Yes, Dear	Raymond	Becker	48 Hours		News		
(41)	See This	Best Damn Sports Show Period				Last Word		Sports	Sports	Last Word	Best-Sports
(15)	Movie: "Maverick" Cont'd			Movie: "The Perfect Storm"			Ocean's 11		Naked States		
(17)	Movie: "Stepsister From Planet Weird"			Movie: "Honey, We Shrunk Ourselves"			Movie: "Windrunner"				
(18)	Movie: "The Confession" Cont'd			Movie: "Best in Show"			Movie: "What Lies Beneath"				
(20)	Boating	Divers	Outdoors	Outdoors	ESPNews	ESPNews	ESPNews	ESPNews	ESPNews	ESPNews	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "The Staircase"				Golden	Golden	
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Friends	Movie: "When Harry Met Sally"			Movie: "Scrooged"					
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Bradly	Family Ties	Cheers	Cheers	All in Family	All in Family	
(25)	Three Stooges		Movie: "The Great Waldo Pepper"				Backstory		Movie: "PT 109"		
(26)	JAG		Nash Bridges		Movie: "Six Days, Seven Nights"				Smush	Martin	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Live by Request Starring Elton John				Law & Order		
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "Circumstances Unknown"			News		In the Heat of the Night			
(39)	Wolf Blitzkr	Crossfire	The Point		Larry King Live		Newsnight		Greenfield	Moneyline	

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8:30 to 9:30 a.m. — **Water Aerobics at Bethel Inn** — Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings. Call 875-2065 for more information.

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Thursday, Nov. 29

7 to 9 p.m. — **Bethel Area Poets Society** reading at 449 Sunday River Road, Newry, across from the Fire Station. All area poets and poetry lovers are welcome. For more information or directions, call 824-3427.

Friday, Nov. 30

9 a.m. — **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club** game at Twin Town Mobil Home Community Center, off Route 26 south, Norway. All bridge players invited to come, play and learn the game. No need to bring partner. Call Rowena Palmer at 743-2882 or Mimi Bell at 743-8081.

7 p.m. — **Hymn Sing** at Pinhook Meeting House in Woodstock.

Saturday, Dec. 1

12:30 to 3:30 p.m. — **First annual Chocolate Festival**, sponsored by the Telstar Regional High School Class of 2002, will be held at The Victoria, Main Street, Bethel. Tickets will be \$5, available at Key Bank, Village Sampler, Maine Line Products, Viewers Choice Video Store and Linda's Country Fair, as well as from senior class members. Tickets went on sale on Nov. 13. Enjoy many chocolate desserts donated by local restaurants and senior parents.

Noon to 2 p.m. — **Taste of Bethel and Theme Wreath Auction** at Bethel Inn Conference Center. Free carriage and wagon rides, compliments of W.J. Wheeler Co., Inc., offered from noon to 4 p.m. beginning at the Bethel Fire Station.

6 p.m. — **Annual Christmas tree lighting** at the Bethel common, with Santa and holiday music on the gazebo.

9 a.m. to noon — **Greens Sale** at West Bethel Union Church. Crafts, greens and cookie walk.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — **Bake Sale** at Bethel Foodliner, sponsored by Albany Youth Group.

1 to 4 p.m. — **Christmas Fair and Tea** at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Christmas crafts, greens, baked goods, attic treasures, cookie walk, etc.

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. — **Boogie Bash** (or "dance jam") benefit, sponsored by Fare Share Co-op at The Commons (next door to Fare Share Market on Main Street, Norway). Everyone welcome.

Support Services

REACH Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges District Exchange—Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m., and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bice School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Alcohol/Drug Treatment Gateway Recovery Services—Outpatient counseling services available at Bethel Family Health Center, Mondays and Wednesdays. For info, call 207-743-7580.

Veterans' Services (State/VA Benefits) Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6100). Rumford Employ Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon. Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. (new members welcome)

Mental Illness Support Group Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional or physical illness, provides support, relaxation and socialization. Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays or (800) 335-9999 off hours. 928-3222.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Tel. 392-4841. **Bethel Library:** Monday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 1-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9-11 a.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian, 824-2520.

Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Thursday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to the Public.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tues., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wed., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thurs., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fri., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m. 674-2004. **Gardiner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover:** Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. **Story Upton Library:** Saturdays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

come. Admission at door is \$3, and donations of more gratefully accepted. For more information, call 743-2423 or 743-0165.

10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. — **Snowflake Christmas Fair** at Lovell United Church of Christ, Route 5, Center Lovell. Berry bowls, ornaments, this 'n that items, crafts, food, quilt drawing, soup and sandwich lunch and children's room for ages under 12.

2 to 4 p.m. — **Rabies Clinic** at Bethel Fire Station. Shots: \$9 each. A Town Office staff member will be available to license dogs for Bethel, Albany and Mason residents (\$7.50/dog or \$4/spayed or neutered dog).

3 to 7 p.m. — **Christmas for Teens Benefit Concert**, sponsored by SAD17 Music Department at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Auditorium. Community Chorus, Hillsmen Chorus, Molloyoctets, Art Moves Dancers, Clogging, Maurice Dance Troupe, a duet by Dr. Tere Porter and Judy Porter, Vikettes and Viking Voices, Delights, Vocal Solution, Sally Jones' Drama Class will give a dramatic reading, and the Davises and Sessions quartet. Dessert buffet at intermission, provided by Jefferson Chapter 89 OES, Bryant Pond. Tickets available at Ken and Thom's, Pike's and Books 'n Things or at the door.

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — **Christmas in the Valley Craft Fair** at Mountain Valley High School, Hancock Street, Rumford.

9 to 11 a.m. — **Bottle Drive** for Mahoosuc Mountains School at the Casablanca Building on Cross Street, Bethel (Bethel Station).

Sunday, Dec. 2

4 p.m. — **Messiah Sing**, a community choral sponsored by Mahoosuc Arts Council, at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Rehearsal (optional) 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the church. Donations accepted at door. For more information, call 824-3575.

4 p.m. — **Tree-lighting ceremony** at Newry Town Office, sponsored by the Newry Recreation Committee. Hot cocoa and homemade cookies will be served.

1 p.m. — **Big Sunday Bingo** at Emogene Staples Hall, Route 121, Welchville. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., spaghetti dinner (\$3.50) at noon, warm-up games at 12:30 p.m. Cards: \$10 for up to 24 regular, or \$12 for 36.

1 to 3 p.m. — **Open House** at Mahoosuc Mountains School at Casablanca Building on Cross Street, Bethel (Bethel Station).

Dec. 3-4-5

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Dec. 3-4) and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Dec. 5) — **Ledgeview Living Center annual Christmas Sale**, 141 Bethel Road, West Paris. Crafts, baked goods, popcorn, candy and fruit tarts made fresh daily. Proceeds benefit the activities department at the center. All donations graciously accepted.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

10 a.m. to noon — **Western Maine Knitting Guild** meeting at Christ Episcopal Church, Norway. Bring favorite pattern wrapped in red ribbon for exchange. Anyone interested in knitting is welcome. For more information, call Gretchen at 743-7212 or Mary at 674-2314.

11:45 a.m. — **West Paris Senior Citizens** meeting in activity room at Buck Hill Apartments, South Paris. Everyone bring casserole, salad or dessert and a gift for exchange. For more information, call Fred Oja at 674-2472.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Beano Game at Jackson-Silver American Legion, Locke Mills, with all proceeds going to Christmas For Families.

6 p.m. — **Greenwood Historical Society** meeting at his-

torical building, Locke Mills. Potluck supper followed by Christmas auction. Come and bring potluck and a wrapped gift to auction.

Thursday, Dec. 6

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting/dinner/party at the American Legion Hall in Locke Mills.

7:30 p.m. — **"Under the Song Tree"** — Anni Clark, Dan Merrill and Lynn Deeves in concert — sponsored by Gould Academy's Performing Arts Series at Bingham Auditorium. Tickets on sale at door: \$6 for adults, \$4 for students. For more information, call 824-3575.

6 p.m. — **"Christmas with the Masons"** will be held at Bethel Historical Society's Dr. Moses Mason House. Hot mulled cider, cookies, etc. Slide presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room. This year's volunteers will be honored. Refreshments. Free and open to all interested in experiencing the Holiday Season in another bygone era.

Friday, Dec. 7

9 a.m. — **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club** game at Twin Town Mobil Home Community Center, off Route 26 south, Norway. All bridge players invited to come, play and learn the game. No need to bring partner. Call Rowena Palmer at 743-2882 or Mimi Bell at 743-8081.

Saturday, Dec. 8

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — **Craft Fair** at Andover Fire Station. Tables available for rent.

9 to 11 a.m. — **Breakfast with Santa**, sponsored by Crescent Park School PTA at CPS. All community children are invited to bring a grownup and enjoy Christmas music, visit with Santa, and create Christmas crafts. Breakfast will be served by Santa's elves. Free and open to the public. Photos with Santa available for \$2. For more information, call 824-2839.

7 to 11 p.m. — **AIDS Charity Ball**, sponsored by Telstar AIDS Awareness Committee at Locke Mills Legion Hall with DJ Bill Morton. Tickets: \$12/person and \$20/couple in advance or \$15/person and \$25/couple at door. This is a formal, chemical-free event open to the community, with proceeds benefiting The Peabody House in Portland. For further information, call Susan Parker at 824-2136.

Sunday, Dec. 9

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. — **Holiday Open House**, sponsored by Lovell Historical Society, at the Heritage Center, Route 5 and 5A, Lovell. Crafters, plants, home-baked food, prizes, chowder for lunch. For more information, call 925-2792.

4 p.m. — **Mahoosuc Music Makers Christmas Concert** at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Refreshments following.

Wednesday, Dec. 12

6:30 p.m. (registration starts at 5:30 p.m.) — **Bethel Senior Citizens** Christmas Party at Bethel Inn. Ladies bring gift for a lady and men a gift for a man.

Thursday, Dec. 13

10 a.m. — **Book Discussion Group** will meet at Whitman Memorial Library with Rodney Abbott reading poetry. There will be a reading of a "Cup of Christmas Tea," as well as some tea and refreshments after. Book exchange will follow. To join in the Christmas spirit, bring any book to share, wrapped as a gift, and get one in return. All are welcome.

Friday, Dec. 14

9 a.m. until sold out — **Mahoosuc Music Makers Christmas Bake Sale** at Bethel Foodliner.

9 a.m. — **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge Club** game at Twin Town Mobil Home Community Center, off Route 26 south, Norway. All bridge players invited to come, play and learn the game. No need to bring partner. Call Rowena Palmer at 743-2882 or Mimi Bell at 743-8081.

Sunday, Feb. 17

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — **Oxford ARC 27th annual Ride-In** 2002 at Horizons Unlimited, Swain Road, Rumford, sponsored by Northern Oxford County Snowmobile and Service Clubs from Rumford, Mexico, Peru, Dixfield, Carthage, Weld, Roxbury, Andover, Newry and Canton. Raffle drawing at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Tanya at 364-4561.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Greenstock Snow Sports Snowmobile Club meets at the Greenwood Town Office at 9 a.m.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club meeting at Newry Town Office. **Second Sunday:** Western Maine Mountain Trail Mixers ATV Club meets at 6:30pm at Sun Valley Sports, 129 Sunday River Road, Bethel. New members welcome.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961. **Bethel Freedom Group AA** meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. ST/BB at Bethel Fire Station.

First Monday: Greenwood Planning Board meets at Town Office, 7 p.m.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station.

Franklin Grange #124, 7:00p.m., call 674-3046 or 674-3962 for more info.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Third Monday: Greenwood Comprehensive Planning Committee meets at town office, 7p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for place.

Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Frank Gibson home, North Road, Bethel, at 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church. **FACTS (Family/Friends And Consumers Together for Support)** 6:30-8 p.m. at Ethel Bice Adult Learning Center. Contact Rhonda at 824-3076.

Greenwood selectmen meet at Town Office, 5 p.m.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters will meet at the Robinson House or Bethel Library from 9 to 11am except the last Tuesday of each month the meeting will be from 7 to 9pm.

Cub Scout Pack 566 meeting, 6 p.m., at Crescent Park School Cafeteria.

Mollyoctet Chorus practice, 6:30-9 p.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Skeetfield Rd., Oxford (824-2468 for info).

First Wednesday: Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Church Services

Bethel

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Rick Mowery, 10:00 a.m. worship. Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Men's and women's groups Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Home prayer groups 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays. Youth ministries 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Church of the Nazarene—Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 for more info.

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and church school. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Starting Dec. 8, please note the time change. 743-2606. Pastor Father Maurice Lebel 743-2606.

United Methodist—Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 10 a.m. Sunday worship. Rainbow Church School, 3-5 p.m. Thursdays (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school. For info, call 836-2844 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church—Third Sunday each month at the Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, at 4 p.m. For more information, call 824-2913.

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd. Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Worldwide Church of God—10:30 a.m. first, second third (and fifth) Saturday each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact: George Weber, 892-0779.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laitres, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15am; Adult Bible Fellowship 9:15am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Choir Practice 4:45pm; Evening Preaching Service 6:00pm. Wednesdays: Patch the Pirate Club 6:30pm; Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 6:30pm.

Unitarian Universalist—Meets first and third Sundays at 10:30am. Topics for the inquiring mind are presented by guest speakers. Coffee hour and discussion follow. Inquiring minds and open hearts are welcome.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock)—Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich. 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church—Pastor John O'Keefe. Winter hours: Sunday School 9:30am, Sunday AM worship 10:45am, Sunday PM praise 6:30pm, Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:45pm, Thursday Men's Discipleship 7:00pm, Friday Awana clubs: Sparks 3:30-5:00, Big 4 Clubs 6-8 pm. Contact church for schedule of Ladies Discipleship and bible study groups. Route 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

Gorham, N.H.

Assembly of God—Pastor Paul Leiven. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. (603-466-2851).

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

Oxford County United Parish—Rev. George Frobig, 10 a.m. worship in April, May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., and Jan.

Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April)

Albany

Congregational Church—Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the church.

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Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

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Committee	# of vacancies	Length of Term (yrs)
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Airport Authority	1	1
Appeals Board	2	3
Budget Committee	4	3
Conservation Commission	2	3
Planning Board (voting)	2	3
Planning Board (voting)	1	1
Planning Board (alternate)	1	3
Planning Board (alternate)	1	2
Recreation Board	2	3
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The board of selectmen will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2001 at 6:00pm at the Municipal Building, Bird Hill Road, Greenwood, ME to act on the application for an Automobile/Junkyard License as filed by Malcom McLean of Greenwood, ME 04255. Public input is invited.

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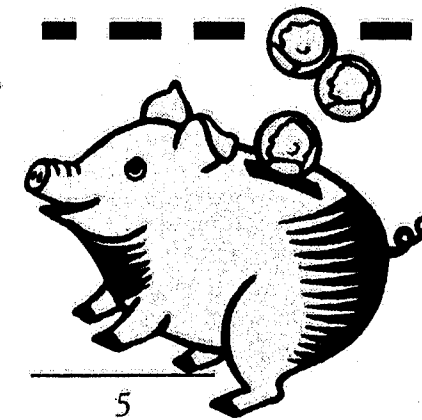
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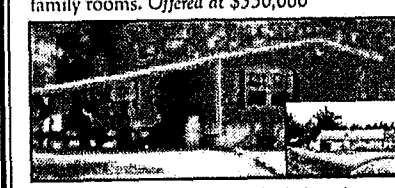
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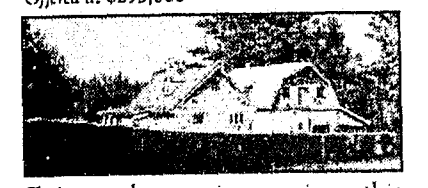
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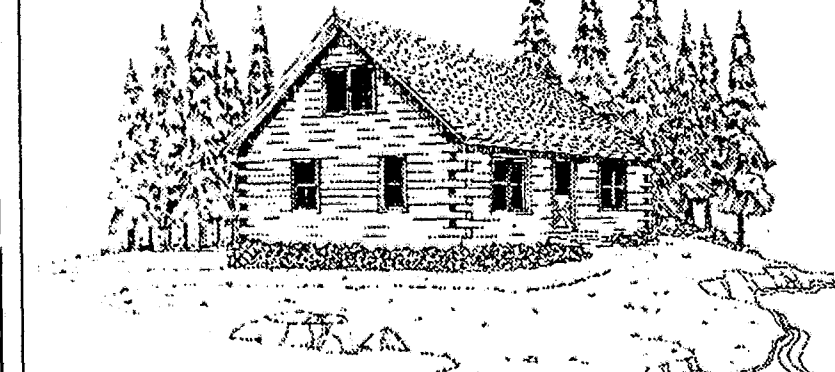
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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION: Situated overlooking the Paris Hill Golf Course, this lovely older home with formal LR, DR, Kit w/birdseye maple cabinets, 5 BR's & 1 1/2 baths, has been updated while maintaining the charm of yesteryear. There's a pretty yard with inground pool, 2 car garage & more! \$224,900



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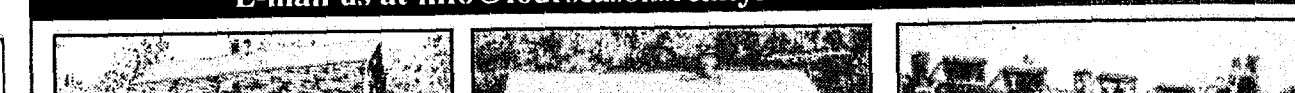
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Howard Pond, Hanover: This wonderful little summer camp is situated on a nicely wooded .34+/- acre lot with a lovely foot path to the water's edge. It has 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, a kitchen, a living room and a large front porch. Call for a viewing. \$89,900

Mt. Abram Ski Village: This ski chalet is new to the marketplace just in time for the upcoming ski season. It offers a wonderful open living space with a double sided fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath with jacuzzi. You can walk to the slopes of Mt. Abram or take just a short drive to Sunday River. Act now on this reasonably priced offer \$109,000

Mt. Abram Ski Resort, Greenwood: This modified gambrel has incredible style and space. On the first and second level there are 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, living, dining, and kitchen areas. In the daylight basement is a small apartment. \$95,000

Route 26, Bryant Pond: This wonderful home and guest house situated deep in the woods on 80+/- acres and is a property you must see. The main house has a lower level has 3 bedrooms, full bath, slate floors, and multiple lofts. The guest house has 1 bedroom plus a loft, kitchen with fireplace, and 3 1/2 bath. An incredible offer for \$219,000

VERNON STREET, BETHEL: Private 1st floor building lot on the hillside with 225' of road frontage is waiting for your house. Just a short drive to the village or to the slopes of area ski resorts. \$15,900

SCUMMIT HILL, WOODSTOCK: Incredible offer on a premier 1 acre lot with outstanding panoramic views of both Lake Umbagog and surrounding mountains. Priced at \$39,900

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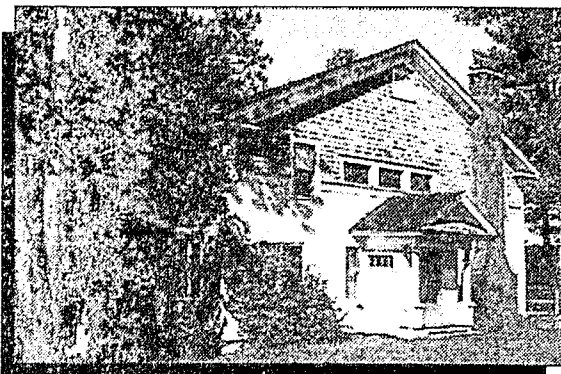
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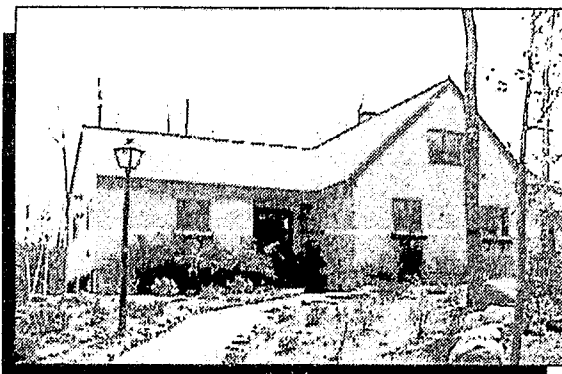
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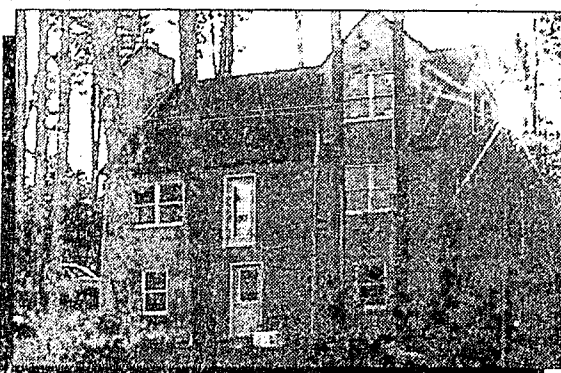
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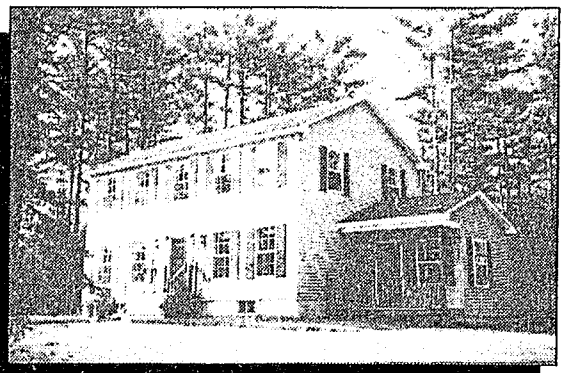
LAKE CHRISTOPHER: Exceptional frontage with a sandy beach and beautiful views of the lake. This one-of-a-kind former lodge offers unlimited potential with its numerous bedrooms and baths and easy access for year round enjoyment. A great vacation home! \$215,000



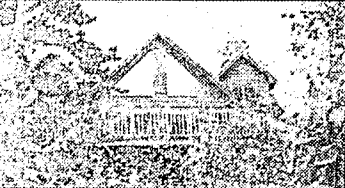
IRRESISTIBLE NEWER HOME: Wonderful newer home located just outside the Village of Bethel on 2.79+/- acres. Great floor plan, bright sunny interior, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, beautifully landscaped yard, scenic mountain views, privacy. \$225,000



UNDER CONSTRUCTION: Three bedroom contemporary home with beautiful mountain views. Nice open floor plan, cathedral ceiling, fireplace, daylight walkout basement, deck. Ideally located close to the Village, yet in a country setting. \$144,900



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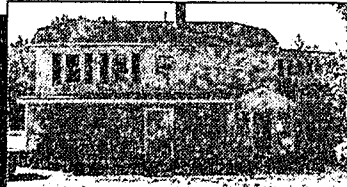
STUNNING CONTEMPORARY: 4 Bedroom, 3.5 bath home with stone fireplace, cathedral ceiling and lots of glass. Incredible southwestern views of Mt. Washington. Privately situated on a 5+/- acre lot in a coveted Bethel subdivision. \$399,000



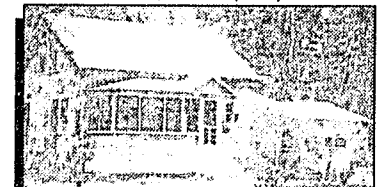
Historic Queen Anne Style, ca 1813, 1881: This prominent Bethel landmark is a one of a kind set on 5+/- acres of prime real estate enroute to Sunday River Ski Resort. The eighteen rooms with a spacious floor plan and third floor expansion possibilities make it ideal for a large family, B&B or other commercial venture. Impressive cross gabled barn. This gracious home, one of Bethel's most admired is offered at \$379,000



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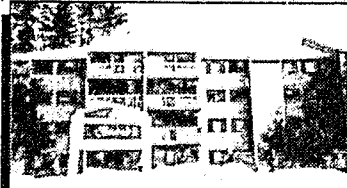
GREAT STARTER HOME OR SKI HOUSE: Spacious 3 bedroom home features a bright kitchen/dining area and new flooring. Two outbuildings add to the numerous possibilities of this home. Situated on a 2.7+/- acre parcel in Hanover. \$74,900



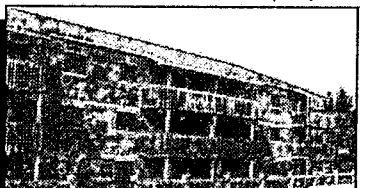
IMMACULATE THREE BEDROOM HOME: Located in Hanover, this three bedroom home has been very well maintained. Conveniently located just a short distance from Sunday River Ski Resort, Bethel Village and Rumford. Priced to sell at \$63,000



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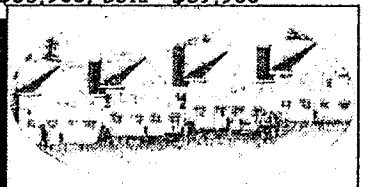
WHITE CAP AT SUNDAY RIVER: Desirable Whitecap condominiums located slopeside at Sunday River. Quiet, ski-in/ski-out, fully furnished units. Sleep 6. Amenities include a separate pool building with spacious common room, saunas. A207 - \$56,900; B312 - \$59,900



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Obituaries

ARMAND A. VIOLETTE

Armand A. Violette, 84, of 47 South Rumford Road, Rumford, died Friday, Nov. 23, 2001 at the Victorian Villa Rehabilitation and Living Center in Canton.

He was born in Rumford on March 25, 1917, the son of John and Delmina (Dugas Pelletier) Violette. He was a 1937 graduate of Stephens High School and went on to attend art school in Springfield, Mass. He later took correspondence courses in meteorology from Pennsylvania State University.

In 1940, he married Gaetane Benny at St. Melanie's Catholic Church in Joliette, Quebec, Canada.

During World War II, he served with the 24th Artillery Division for four years, stationed first in Fort Banks, Mass., as a meteorologist, then at Fort Hood, Texas, as an artist designer for patches on Army uniforms. He later served overseas in the South Pacific where he was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism. He also earned the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon for good conduct and a sharpshooter medal. After contracting malaria, he was flown to a rest camp until the war ended, and he was discharged in 1947.

Armand was a multi-talented artist, inventor and tinkerer who served the community in a wide variety of endeavors. He worked in a funeral home under the G.I. Bill for five years. He later became an employee of the National Weather Bureau, taking weather observations three times a day, reporting them to the headquarters in Portland, and entering them in his own records. For this labor of love, the U.S. Department of Commerce recently granted him a 40-Year Service Award honoring his devotion and his unfailing accuracy.

In the fall of 1961, he played a unique role in the raising of the big dome at the Bell System's satellite station in Andover. His knowledge of Maine weather contributed to the successful inflation of the enormous dome when wind became a

critical factor. This earned him recognition in the AT & T Magazine, "Long Lines."

Armand earned notoriety as a commercial artist for Rumford and vicinity. He was well known for his design work on letterheads, signs, and drawings, including sketches for balsam pillows sold at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid. He also used his talent to create oil portraits of prominent people of the region.

In his spare time, Armand researched the genealogy of the Violette family, wrote humorous stories of "Old Lanzo" for the Rumford Falls Times, and has written an unpublished history of flooding along the Androscoggin River. He was quick with a joke or story to everyone's delight.

He was director of the Oxford County Bureau of Census in 1960 and 1970. He also served as an officer of the High Court every spring for many years.

A member of the National Audubon Society for years, his fascination with birds encouraged him to devote his backyard as a bird sanctuary complete with a spring water pool, birdbaths among the numerous fir trees, and feeders that he filled year-round. His hunger for books never seemed to be satisfied and he collected a sizable library as proof of his obsession with reading. He was most interested in books about history and nature.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years of Rumford; three sons and their wives, John and Jean (Brown) Violette of Granby, Conn., Michael and Rhonda (Drapeau) Violette of Rumford and James and Martha (Kowalzyk) Violette of Mexico; one daughter, Rochelle and her husband Rick Sprague of Trenton; 11 grandchildren; four grandsons; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by nine half-brothers and four half-sisters.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Athanasius-St. John Catholic Church in Rumford on Monday, Nov. 26, with interment at

St. John Cemetery, Rumford. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Armand's name to Androscoggin Home Health Care, PO Box M, Rumford, ME, 04276.

JAMES W. YARNELL

James W. Yarnell, age 77, died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001 at his home in Upton. He had lived in Upton for the past 21 years coming from Ithaca, N.Y.

He was born in Lansing, Mich., the son of Sidney H. and Floy Wilson Yarnell. He graduated from Bryan, Texas, High School and was also a graduate of Cornell University. He was an architect and city and regional planner. He served with the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII.

He married the former Joy Heywood on March 15, 1947.

He was an active member of the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel and former member of the Bethel Rotary Club.

Jim loved the out-of-doors and was active in land conservation. He enjoyed fishing and cross-country skiing.

Survivors include his wife of Upton; two sons, Robert S. of Franklin, Mass. and Michael C. of North Woodstock, N.H.; two daughters, Margaret H. Ruell of Canaan and Elizabeth Y. Franklin of Largo, Fla.; five grandchildren, Lori B. Sweeney of Largo, Fla., Emily W. Ruell and Nathan H. Ruell both of Canaan, Charles O. Yarnell and Pia C. Yarnell both of North Woodstock, N.H.; two great-granddaughters; and two brothers, Richard A. of Chapel Hill, N.C. and E. Peter of Greenville, Ga.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make contributions in Jim's memory to the West Parish Congregational Church Maintenance Fund, PO Box, Bethel, ME 04217 or the Mahoeus Land Trust, Main Street, Bethel, ME 04217.

In Memory

John Povencher
November 29th

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Card of Thanks

The Riley Children's Center would like to express their appreciation to Donny Katlin and Jewel Clark for the evening of wonderful music they provided recently at our harvest dinner. Thanks a million!

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who helped make our "open house" a special event. An extra special thank you to Robin at TCOC and The Early Risers for their help and encouragement.

Susie, Nate, Lisa & Shylin

EDNA E. CLARK

Edna E. Clark, 96, of Concord, N.H., died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2001 at Genesis ElderCare Pleasant View Nursing Home in Concord.

She was born in Boston, the daughter of Edward and Florence (Brunner) Forst. She attended schools in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, including the former Concord Business School.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Concord, N.H.

Survivors include a son, Richard of Newry; a daughter, Constance Witham of Pittsfield, N.H.; three sisters, Ida Clark and Dorothy Edison, both of Concord, and Lillian Mitchell of Penacook, N.H.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Her husband of 45 years, Ulysses; and a son, Irvin, died previously.

Funeral services were held at Waters Funeral Home, Concord, N.H. Burial was at Pine Grove Cemetery in Concord.

DORIS R. SLATTERY

Doris R. Slattery, 94, of West Paris, wife of William A. Slattery, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2001 at her home.

She was born in Hartford on Feb. 25, 1907, daughter of the late Robert and Myrtle (Rowe) Woods. She attended Hartford schools, graduated from high school in 1925, and graduated from Farmington Normal School.

A teacher by profession, she taught in the local area schools of West Paris and Greenwood for 28 years, until her retirement.

On June 29, 1929, she married William A. Slattery, who survives her, and had been a resident of West Paris for over 60 years.

She held membership in the West Paris Baptist Church, the Rebekahs, The Senior Citizens of West Paris, the Oxford County Teachers Association and the Tired Teachers Club.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Dorothy R. Slattery of Waterford, Conn.; a son-in-law, Erwin Heath of Greene; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Barbara S. Heath; a son, commander Francis A. Slattery, U.S.N., captain of the USS Scorpion, lost off the Azores in May of 1968; two sisters, Barbara Swift and Kathleen Phillips.

MARGARET J. WHEELER

Margaret J. Wheeler, age 67, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2001 at her home in Bethel following a long illness.

She was born in Framingham, Mass., on April 20, 1934, the daughter of Irwin L. and Barbara Davis Potter. She was a graduate of Berlin High School in the Class of 1952.

Mrs. Wheeler was very active in volunteer work. She was a member of Our Lady of The Snows in Bethel, the Bethel Historical Society, past president of the Eleanor Gordon Guild, the Stark Grange and the 4-H. She was a teacher's aid for special programs, ran a day care, and first and foremost was a homemaker, having raised nine children. She enjoyed needlepoint, drawing, reading, and gardening.

She married Thomas J. Wheeler on Nov. 15, 1952, who survives her of Bethel. Also surviving are four sons, Kenneth, James of Richmond Va., Thomas of Kingsport, Tenn. and Joseph of Bethel; five daughters, Jan McKenzie of Simsbury, Conn., Margaret Troup of Biddeford, Bridget Gehring of Oakland, Karen Wheeler of Stateline, Nev., and Jacquelyn of Bethel; eight grandchildren; and two sisters, Patricia Meserve of Cape Canaveral, Fla., and Barbara Barbieri of Berlin, N.H.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of The Snows on Route 26 in Bethel. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel. Those who wish may make contributions in Margaret's

memory to Our Lady of The Snows, Bethel, ME 04217.

T. ALFRED JOHNSON

T. Alfred Johnson, age 92, of South Paris, died Friday morning Nov. 23, 2001 at Market Square Health Care Facility in South Paris.

He was born in Brunswick on Feb. 4, 1909, the son of Thomas Augustus and Effie Wight Johnson. He was a lifelong resident of the Norway/Paris area where he had worked for Wilner Wood Products, the area shoe shops and Bessey Motors until his retirement in the early '80s.

He married Cora Gurney on March 1, 1933. He was a member of the Grange and the Knights of Pythias.

Alfred enjoyed talking about his many grandchildren and keeping up with the news and current events.

Survivors include two sons, Donald A. of Norway and George of Cromwell, Conn.; a daughter, Janice Harrington of Monroe, Ga. (formerly of Bethel); 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Erwin of California, two sisters, Marguerite Verrill of West Paris and Silvia Reed of Waterford. He was predeceased by his wife, who died in December of 1993, two brothers, Ethan of South Portland and Roland of Lewiston.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 21, at Weston-Chandler Funeral Home, Norway, with interment at Riverside Annex Cemetery, South Paris.

Births

Rory and Tara Huston of West Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Tarisa Virginia, born on Nov. 16, 2001 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Marge and Andy Smith of West Paris and Fred Foster of Norway.

Paternal grandparents are Eva Mills of Greenwood and the late Roy Smith.

Tarisa joins sisters Ashley, 12, Michaela, 5, and Trinity, 1½, and brother Dylan, 8.

Robert S. Hatch Jr. and Lisa Castonguay of Oxford are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Emily Page Hatch, born on Oct. 26, 2001 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Leo and Linda Castonguay of North Monmouth.

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